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Vicar is killed outside church

By Kate Alderson, Ruth Gledhill and Joanna Bale

A YOUNG vicar regarded as a potential leader of the Church of England was stabbed to death outside his church yesterday after giving advice to a man with a history of violence.

The Rev Christopher Gray, 32, was left lying in a pool of blood by his assailant, who then tried to abduct a young mother from her home near by, before fleeing in her car.

The ferocity of the attack outside St Margaret's Church, Anfield, Liverpool, prompted the police to take the unusual step of naming Terence Storey who has a history of criminal violence - as the man they believe to be the



Gray: one of the bright hopes of his generation

killer. Detective Chief Inspector Elmore Davies said that Fr Christopher had been helping Storey over the past few weeks and that Storey had launched a completely unprovoked at-

tack on the priest. He would now probably seek shelter from friends in the criminal fraternity, but Mr Davies said: "Whether they are willing to help him after this atrocious crime, we very much doubt. He is guilty of a very violent, malicious attack on Mr Gray."

Fr Christopher, described yesterday by the Bishop of Liverpool as one of the brightest hopes of his generation, was killed shortly after he returned home from a function entertaining foreign visitors to Liverpool. He got back to the vicarage at midnight on Monday and about 40 minutes later he was heard speaking to another man whose voice became raised. Then a

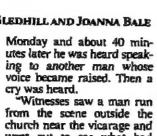
went out to see what had happened. They found Christopher Gray dying outside his home," Mr Davies said. He

Last night, as police contin-ued the search for Storey and had very special gifts of scholarship.

Fr Christopher - who had achieved a double first "with congratulations" at Oxford University, spoke ten lan-guages and was a gifted author - had only recently written that a priest should be ready to die for his parishioners. In contributing a chapter to a book edited by Fr George Guiver of Mirfield College, he compared the priest to a shepherd saying: The su-preme act of the shepherd is to lay down his life for the sheep". Priests. he continued. are called to be "people who grow to be like Christ in their faithful service of their flocks:

even to the point of sacrificing their own lives. people; to foster their unity; to Continued on page 2, col 4

The assailant went to a house in nearby Belmont Road. He was refused access by the lady in the house, but forced his way in. The lady was threatened with a knife and her car keys were taken by him. The man attempted to abduct the lady, who fought him off. He made off in her Ford Escort."



from the scene outside the church near the vicarage and had been stabbed through the

the red car - number M872 YFM - the Right Rev David Sheppard paid tribute to the young victim. Bishop Sheppard, who ordained Fr Chrisr three years ago, said that he was an exceptionally bright man who had demonstrated the potential to become a bishop. The death of this much-valued priest is a tremendous loss to me personally, and to all of us in the cese. At 32 years of age, one of the ablest priests of his generation. Christopher Gray

"Priests are to know their



The Learjet yesterday after it had crashed off the airfield and into a van. The RAF has refused to install arresters at the end of the runway to stop planes from overshooting

Four escape as jet crashes into van on A40

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT AND RUSSELL JENKINS

FOUR people escaped death yesterday when an executive et overshot a runway as it landed at RAF Northolt and crashed into a van on a dual

The plane's passenger, Lisa Hogan, 25, an Irish actress friend of John Cleese, escaped with shock and an injured ankle after the Learjet tore through the airfield fence and crashed on to the A40.

Gary Jewel, 33, the van driver, escaped with little more than cuts and bruises. Firemen took 40 minutes to cut him from the wreckage and took him by air ambulance to hospital in Ealing, where he was kept overnight. "I am happy to be alive," he said later.

The aircraft's Spanish pilot received serious head injuries and his co-pilot was treated for shock. The accident led to huge traffic jams which lasted all day.

The Learjet, which was broken in two, was carrying Ms Hogan from Palma, Majorca, to Pinewood, where she was

due to rehearse a scene for the new John Cleese film Fierce Creatures. "She rang the production team to say that she had been in an accident and José Rosal. had injured her leg, but we understand that she has now

and is basically OK," said a snokesman for the company. Irish-born Ms Hogan, who has no previous acting experience, has landed a key role in the film which is a sequel to the comedy film A Fish Called Wanda. In it she plays an

been released from hospital



Jewel: trapped in van

Ronnie Corbett. The jet was owned by the Zaragoza air taxi firm Mac Aviation, and flown by Santiago Morin, 53, and

All seemed to be well at 10 am, as the aircraft made a normal approach over Ruislip. It crossed the runway threshhold but then appeared to waver from side to side.

Three teenagers who saw the crash said it was a miracle no one was killed. The teenagers were cycling nearby when they saw the twinengined jet swaying wildly



Lisa Hogan: leaving

from side to side seconds before it smashed through the perimeter fence. Euan Goddard, 15, from

South Ruislip, said: "It looked as first as though it was landing. Then I noticed something was wrong when it started tipping from side to side quite wildly." The Northolt runway is

long enough for all but the biggest commercial jets, and almost twice as much as a Learjet should need. The weather was fine, with little

The pilot was in a stable condition at Hillingdon Hospital last night.
David Robinson, divisional officer for the London Fire and

Civil Defence Authority, said it was "remarkable" that nobody died in the accident. If this had been a plane fully loaded with fuel going out in the middle of the rush

hour, it could have had much more serious consequences, he said. "It is really remarkable that anybody could get out of this alive." Mr Jewel, who has two

young daughters, lives in Reading and has worked as an

Crocodile who

came for lunch

The skull of a 20st crocodile

that provided hunch for an

even more fearsome reptile

165 million years ago has been

found in a gravel pit in Wiltshire. Embedded in the

eye socket is a tooth belonging

to an even bigger creature.

The geologist who found it.

Dr Neville Hollingsworth.

said: "This is the equivalent of

Legal & General takes a scalpel to healthcare costs

have equipped the runway at

RAF Northolt with a gravel

"arrester bed" to prevent air-

craft from careering on to the

main road, as happened yesterday. Military airfields

are not subject to civilian

Northolt is the base of 32

(The Royal) Squadron and London's key VIP aerodrome.

It handles over 6,000 civilian

flights a year. Its runway

heads straight towards the

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area sales representative for

Clive Waldron, a seating reno-

said: "It's an absolute miracle.

It is just unbelievable that he

wasn't badly hurt or even

killed. We didn't know how

badly injured he was, and we

had to phone his wife and tell

her he had been hit by a

The RAF has refused to

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UN envoy dies Sir Anthony Parsons, Brit-

ain's former ambassador to the United Nations and to Iran, has died aged 73. He was at the UN during the Falklands War and became a key foreign policy adviser to Margaret Thatcher ... Page 15



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handguns despite Tory MPs' vote BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND RICHARD FORD

A BAN on the private possession of handguns in Britain appeared inevitable last night after the Government let it be known that it is ready to overrule Tory MPs who have apposed prohibition and Labour promised laws to prevent people having firearms in

their homes. As public and political outrage resurfaced over the refusal of Tory MPs on the Commons home affairs committee to ban guns in the wake of the Dunblane massacre, senior ministers moved swiftly to distance themselves from the committee's report. They stressed that it represented neither government nor Tory policy and pledged that they would not "shirk" from doing

whatever was necessary. In the clearest possible indication that the Government is poised to take a different line after the Cullen report into Dunblane,



you're used to a bow and arrow

David Maclean, Home Office Minister of State, said the fact that some Conservatives had taken a view in the committee "does not preclude them from coming to or agreeing with the Government's view when it is finally pronounced." Mr Maclean said: "We must

be careful we do not give the

Government will support ban on

impression that the independent select committee view is Conservative policy or government policy." John Major, strongly sup-ported by Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, is understood to be preparing to bite the bullet if Cullen recommends a ban on handguns. He was angry that the Tory MPs had taken such a firm position against the ban.

Michael Howard, the Home

Secretary, though less enthusi-

astic about an outright ban, is

understood to accept the inevitability of having to carry the Cullen recommendations into

The report was condemmed by bereaved Dunblane parents and senior police. The Association of Chief Police Officers pronounced itself "extremely disappointed" by the report's rejection of even a partial ban on the possession of handguns.

Sir James Sharples, chief constable of Merseyside, said: The Association of Chief Police Officers strongly argued that if the use of these weapons was restricted to lawful sporting activities and to 22 calibre, it would effectively remove from circulation 90 per cent of existing legally-Continued on page 2, col 1

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Tory committee members defend decision on guns

By James Landale, political reporter

THREE embattled Tory members of the Commons Home Affairs Select Committee yesterday emerged into the limelight to defend their decision not to call for a ban on handguns.

After displaying a reticence not usually found in Tory MPs as leaked accounts of their report were published in recent days, Sir Ivan Lawrence, Walter Sweeney and Warren Hawksley came out fighting after coming under fierce attack. However, no press conference was held yesterday on the publication of their report and the three other Tory committee members — Dame Jill Knight (Edgbaston), David Ashby (North West Leicestershire) and John Greenway (Ryedale) — stayed firmly out of reach of their and John

telephones. Sir Ivan, the QC and rightwing chairman of the committee, spent the day talking to the media in Westminster, defending his decision not to back a ban on handguns. He said that many of the people who attacked the report had not read it and were talking through the back of their heads. It was time for reasonable reflection rather than hysteria. The MP for Burton also denied that the Tory members of the committee had given in to the gun lobby. "I am not convinced that

overwhelmingly the public are

held guns," he said. "If by banning legally held hand-guns we could stop Hamilton the Dunblane killer, that would have been easy and we would have done that." He said the committee had

been united in supporting measures to limit the influx of weapons through ports and new restrictions to stop people like Hamilton through the net".

Mr Hawksley (Halesowen and Stourbridge), a hotelier who lists shooting as one of his interests, said a total handgun ban was going too far.

"It won't stop another Dunblane," he said. "There are so many other illegal guns going around." He under-stood the reaction of families



Sir Ivan Lawrence at

involved in the Dunblane massacre but pointed out that the killings could have been carried out by a man with a shotgun. Instead, there should be tighter controls on gun

"It is too far to get rid of all handguns and shotguns. It is more important to tackle illegally held guns and to make sure that only responsible people are allowed gun

Although he admitted shooting clays and game, he denied being in hock to the gun lobby. "I had no approaches from anyone," he

morgan), who has the smallest majority in the Commons - 19 - also denied he had given in to the gun lobby.

He said: "I'm very upset at being characterised as some sort of mass murderer as some tabloid newspapers are trying to do. Everyone is entitled to their opinion, but I have done my best to weigh up the evidence that came before us and these are our rational conclusions in my view."

He added: "I would rather see a cool and calm debate on this worrying issue in Parliament than this hate campaign which is being whipped up against members of the committee. It is unprecedented and ridiculous."

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Dunblane father criticises 'weak and pathetic report'

By Shirley English

JOHN CROZIER sat by the grave of his daughter Emma at Dunblane Cemetery and spent two hours reading the Home Affairs Select Committee report on gun control.

After 25 pages he gave up momentarily in disgust. "As far as I am concerned it is an insult to our children and their teacher, and it is a disgrace to Parliament that such a weak produced," he said.

"It shows more concern about inconveniencing people who want to shoot than about what happened to our children. These people have given into the gun lobby and should be ashamed. Next week Emma's smiling

face will appear on three posters commissioned by the anti-gun campaign group, the Society Against Guns in Europe, at 100 sites across Britain. Emma. 5. was one of the 16 children killed with their teacher in the Dunblane massacre on March 13.

tures of Emma and the six Conservative MPs responsible for yesterday's report. It reads:

Guns pressure grows

Continued from page I held handguns." Fred Broughton, the Police Federation's national chairman. called the report "desperately disappointing", saying it re-jected virtually every constructive recommendation put forward by the police service.

But the gun lobby welcomed the report's general thrust. Pat Johnson, of the British Shooting Sport Councils, said: "Our view has always been that if there's a calm, dispassionate look at the facts involved, the committee would be almost irresistibly drawn to the sort of conclusions they were drawn to today."

Ian McConchie, general secretary of the National Pistol Association, called the report "a commonsense judgment on behalf of the shooting community". John Prescott, in charge of the Labour party in Tony Blair's absence on holi-

day announced that a Labour government would ban the keeping of guns at home. Labour added to the pres-sure on ministers by making plain that it would table a Commons motion soon after MPs return in October banning handguns except where they are licensed for sporting purposes and secured safely or licensed for pest control. With many Conservative MPs furious at the stance adopted by their colleagues on the committee, the Government would

face defeat unless it gave way. But Sir Ivan Lawrence, Tory chairman of the committee, accused the critics of "talking out of the back of their heads" and having not read the report. He added: "I am not convinced that overwhelmingly the public are in favour of a ban on legally held guns."

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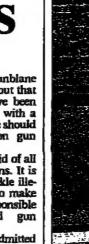
forgive you — but you're not off the hook." Another says: "Five months on the gun lobby can breath a sigh of relief. Emma can't."

Yesterday the community of Dumblane joined anti-gun campaigners and MPs in condemning the report as biased and ill-informed. They said it put the interests of a minority group above public safety and had damaged the cross-party consensus that emerged after

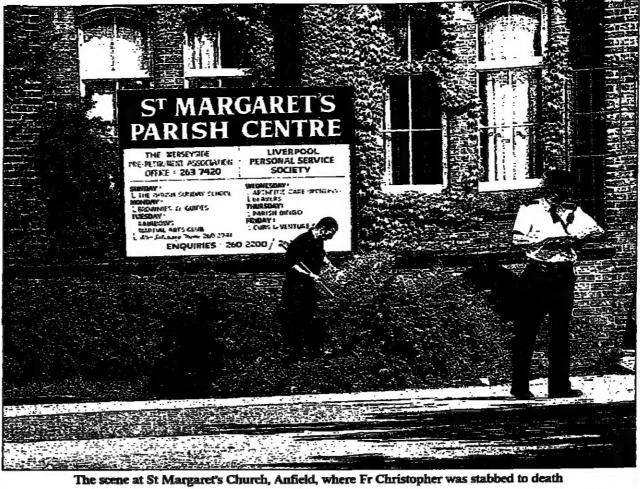
Lord Culien's recommendations, published next month would be far more influential than a report whose timing suggested its main purpose was to "test the water" of public opinion, they said. Elleen Harrild, 44, the first

person shot by Thomas Hamilton at Dunblane Primary School, said: "I am sure the opinion of the committee would alter if they had felt the power of Thomas Hamilton's guns, as I have done. This report is a disaster and an insult." The PE teacher was shot four times in her arms and chest. She has had four operations and is awaiting further surgery in September. Isobel McBeath, mother of Mhari McBeath, 5, who was murdered by Thomas Hamilton, said: "The committee has placed private privilege over

the general public safety." Campaigners running the Snowdrop Petition, set up by Dumblane families, said the report would do nothing to alter the fact that the majority of the public were with them in calling for change. The petition has gathered 705,000 signatures.



Mr Sweeney (Vale of Gla-



Vicar murdered outside his church

Continued from page I give them life, and abundant-, to lay down their lives for them. In so doing, they will mirror the life of obedience and sacrifice of Christ." As a special communion

service was held at St Margarets in remembrance of Fr Christopher last night, friends said that he had been vulnerable to attack because of his commitment to helping all those who crossed his path. He saw this as part of his priestly vocation and did not regard himself as a form of social worker, so he lacked the professional expertise to detect when he was in serious danger. He had been attacked on a previous occasion and had gone to court to see his assailant convicted, but that did not deter him from helping those who sought him out in what some would describe

as a rough parish.

The tributes that poured in to Fr Christopher yesterday portrayed a brilliant man who was to a degree unaware of or insecure with his brilliance. Some of his peers were also uncomfortable with his intellect, but his insticactive humility made him an instant success as priest and pastor. Bishop Sheppard said: "I regarded as an outstanding



young priest. I valued the mixture of his gifts immensely. People's picture of an ellectual is of someone with his head in the clouds, but he cared about ordinary people in the parish. His ambition was to be a good parish

Fr Peter Allen, director of studies at Mirfield, where Fr Christopher trained for the priesthood, said: "He was a remarkable, astonishing person. He had an extraordinary, analytical mind and a great humility about him which led to him seeming quite careful of contact with people. Yet he could produce quite extraordinary warmth and generosity with people in the most surprising circumstances. He was wonderful with young people, and yet he was so unable to accept his own

The Rev Bernard Shunemann, of St Martin-in-the-Fields, London, who became a close friend of Fr Christopher when he worked in a neighbouring parish in Liver-pool, said: "Fr Christopher a great love of Anglicanism.
The Church has lost potentially a very great man.

"He saw his work in terms of the priesthood. He did not see himself as a social worker. He was a priest of the church, and believed the church is responsible for giving meaning to the lives of everyone who presents themselves to it. It may be that this attitude might have contributed to the fact that he put himself at risk in this way, not being a professional social worker.

"He had a strong sense of the priesthood being a sacrificial ministry. He believed a priest is a priest one hundred per cent of the time. That was his ideal model."

Terence Storey, the man police want to question, is described as 5ft 6in tall and slim with crewcut hair.

He had addresses in Speke and Wallasey and police believe he is still in the Liverpool area. Mr Davies said he would be heavily bloodstained and might try to despose of his clothes. "He is a violent man who we know well. We need to speak to him and to warn the community that we are in no doubt that he will offer violence again if necessary."

Rumbold attacked for 'rude' letter to pensioner

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BY PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

DAME Angela Rumbold, a vice-chairman of the Conservative Party, was criticised yesterday after she told a pensioner constituent that she was fed up with people complaining about the 26 per cent pay rise for MPs.

Dame Angela sent off a sharp reply to an "extremely rude" letter from Hilary Pentecost. The MP said it was "disgusting" that people were complaining about the "rather modest" increase in salary for a job that had changed dramatically during the past 20

Dame Angela told Mrs Pentecost: "If pensioners were working 90 hours a week, as I am, maybe there would be more sympathy for your case."
MPs last month voted for

immediate pay rises of £9,000, taking their salaries to £43,000. Defending her letter, Dame Angela said: "Mrs Pentecost is a frequent correspondent who writes to me once or twice a week complaining about a great many issues. I have always been as polite and helpful as possible. But she wrote me an extremely rude letter complaining about MPs' pay rises which is why she received a terse reply."

The MP for Mitcham and Morden told the pensioner: "I do think it very unfair and disgusting that people who wish to be represented continue to complain to their representatives, whose time is entirely devoted to the interests of their constituents, about the amount of recompense that they receive."

Brian Wilson, Labour's election planning spokesman, demanded an apology from Mrs Rumbold for the "nauseating" letter. He said: "The comparison she draws with pensioners 4 is nauseating. To describe £9,000 as a rather modest increase will only add insult to injury."

Help the Aged also attacked Dame Angela. Betty McBride said: Two thirds of pensioners have incomes so low they don't pay income tax. From that standpoint E9,000 is a great deal of money. We all need to remember the service that many pensioners have given to our society."

Fertility treatment restrictions rejected

By Carol Midgley and Dominic Kennedy

CALLS for tighter restrictions on fertility treatment were rejected yesterday by Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, as the clinic that helped Mandy Allwood to become pregnant with octuplets conceded that it may have been

Gynaecologists at the Priory Hospital in Birmingham said they may have been hoodwinked into believing Miss Allwood and her part-time boyfriend, Paul Hudson, were an established couple before giving her fertility drugs. Mr Dorrell said, however.

that excessive probing into the domestic lives of patients would be akin to living in a police state. He said there could never be any guarantee that all babies would be born into a stable family environment anyway. "You would have to go into licensing for babies and the horrendous

apparatus of the police state if we went down that road." Miss Allwood gave the sur-name Hudson at the clinic and

did not explain that her boyfriend did not live with her full-time or that he spent half his week with the mother of his two sons. She claimed in the News of the World that she took fertility drugs without the consent of Mr Hudson, who did not want another baby.

of the clinic, agreed "absolutely" they may have been deceived. They were presented as a couple. They had been together for some time and desperately wanted a child." Mr Dorrell disclosed that the drugs Ms Allwood used to become pregnant were provided privately rather than on an

Dr Robert Sawers, director

Desperate treadmill, page !!

NHS prescription.

Post strike raises tension for pupils awaiting exam results

By DAVID CHARTER AND CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

THE postal strike today threatens to disrupt the delivery of A-level results to more than 400,000 students. Post Office managers yesterday promised that the results would reach all 16,000 examination centres in time for students to be told of their grades tomorrow, even if it meant managers having to sort mail today. Some schools have arranged to collect their results from the sorting office.

Head teachers said that students' chances of gaining a university place could be jeopardised by the dispute. Derek Willson, a Post Office spokesman, said it was confi-

dent that all A-level results would be delivered to exmaination centres. A similar guarantee has been made on GCSE results, which are due the day of the next 24-hour strike, next Thursday. Mr Willson admitted, how-

ever, that there could be a delay because of the backlog left by the strike for students due to receive their grades via self-addressed cards posted by their school. "That is something outside the arrangements we have with the examining boards. Whatever individual arrangements the school makes with its students is not part of this planning. There may well be a backlog," The Secondary Heads Asso-

ciation advised students to collect results in person from their school rather than to rely on receiving their self-ad-dressed result cards. Russell Clarke, assistant general sec-retary, said: "It is a pity that this comes at this time in the lives of youngsters. In the case of A levels it is quite crucial because it begins to eat into the relatively short time that there is to fill university vacancies." Roy Page, deputy head of the Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe. Buckinghamshire, said that collecting results in person was vital. "If students are laid-back with clearing, they are going to end up with a choice of courses they are perhaps not going to

Royal Mail. which last week wrote to all 140,000 workers with details of its settlement offer, said yesterday that a nationwide poll had shown that 79 per cent were in favour of a ballot on the deal. Royal Mail had asked 2,700 workers in a random survey whether they wanted a ballot.

The Communication Workers' Union complained yesterday that managers were urging sorting office and delivery workers to change their shifts so that they could avoid the 24-hour strike, which starts at 3am tomorrow.



MICHELIN PILOTS NUMBER 50 VICTORIES

Michelin Pilots have notched up an impressive 50 victories in the three years since Michelin entered the British Touring Car Championship. That's more than all other competing tyre manufacturers put together and 58% of the total of Champions



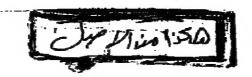
number of starts since 1993. Moreover. Michelin Pilots won the Championship outright in 1994 and 1995.

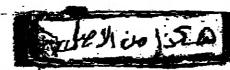
And it should come as no surprise that most of the famous "Pilots" this year are racing on Michelin - Cleland, Harvey, Leslie.

Menu, Radisich, Rydell and Winkelhock to name but a few. And no wonder that this year Michelin Pilot tyres are also the choice of virtually all the leading car marques -BMW, Ford, Honda, Nissan, Peugeot, Renault, Vasochall and Volvo.

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Graduate's burnt body found after celebration night

By PAUL WILKINSON

off in a red Ford car.

thought it was a tailor's dum-

my. Mr Timmins, 46, said: "I

could see her legs sticking up in the air so I went to have a

closer look. I was shocked at

what I saw. She was burnt

down one side of her body, she

was a terrible mess. All her

hair was matted and there was

A medical examination of

the body showed that the woman had suffered extensive

head injuries inflicted by a

Detective Superintendent Bob Huntbach, who is leading

the investigation, said: "She

got into the vehicle of her own

free will, but it is believed she

did not know the driver. She may have mistaken the vehicle

for a taxi. This is an obvious

warning for unaccompanied

women who are getting into strange vehicles or taxis. Li-

censed taxis are always clearly

"We are very anxious to

speak to the driver of this

vehicle. It was described as

a lot of blood."

blunt instrument.

A YOUNG woman who was celebrating her graduation from university was murdered and her body set alight. The woman, who had been sexually assaulted and battered to sath, may have got into the killer's car believing it to be

Detectives searching for the driver of the red or maroon Yregistered vehicle urged young women not to get into unmarked mini-cabs.

The victim is thought to be a 21-year-old from Staffordshire. Her head was so badly battered, possibly by an axe, that forensic scientists will have to use dental records and DNA cross-matching formally to confirm her identity.

Her parents travelled to

meet police in Manchester yesterday. She was last seen getting into the car, possibly a Ford Sierra, in Canal Street. Manchester, at about 1.30am on Sunday. She had just left dends with whom she had been spending the weekend visiting bars in the city.

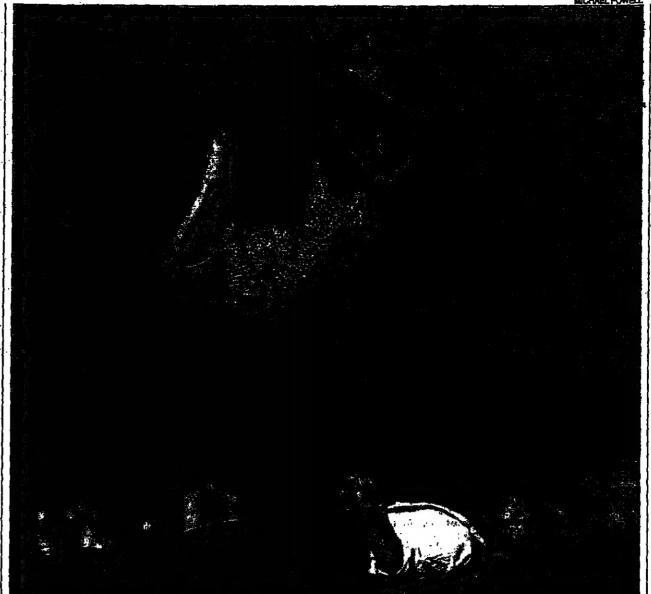
Her companions reported her missing when they awoke on Sunday morning and found that she had failed to return to the hall of residence where they were staying. Her naked body was discovered behind a dustbin at the rear of the George and Dragon pub. in the Ardwick district at being in very poor condition. about llam. The rear parcel shelf was A witness reported seeing missing, the sills were rusty flames behind the building at and the passenger interior about 3am. A man who was

door panel was also missing. seen running away, with a container in his hand, drove "A positive identification cannot be made at the moment due to the nature of her Peter Timmins, who found the body, said that at first he injuries. An attempt had been made to hide the body. She had been set alight and secreted behind a dustbin."

One emergency services worker said that the woman had suffered a very violent assault, especially about the head and face. There had also been an attempt to burn her body. This woman was dead by the time we got there," the worker said,

The car driver described as a white male, aged 30 to 35, with dark hair. He was wearing a dark T-shirt and had a deep voice with a Manchester accent. The woman had long brown wavy hair, was 5ft 6in tall, of medium build, and was wearing a lilac, long-sleeved shirt, white flared trousers and white shoes.

The man seen running from the pub into a red car was described as white, about 5ft 8in, medium build, short fair hair, mid 20s, clean-shaven and wearing a black tracksuit bottom and a black top with white markings on the arms.



Debra Batton and Gavin Robins of the Legs on the Wall dance group rehearse a piece for the festival

Festival defends choice of fetish film

By Dalya Alberge ARTS CORRESPONDENT

burgh Film Festival yesterday defended their decision to feature three sexually explicit films that have been rejected by programmers and distrib-

Sir Sydney Samuelson, commissioner of the British Film Commission, was among the critics. He expressed dismay over some of the programming: Fetishes, Nick Broomfield's film-documentary about a New York club that acts out its members most bizarre sexual fantasies, which is said to have been turned down by both the BBC and Channel 4; David Croninberg's Crash: based on J. G. Ballard's nevel about the sexual attraction of bedies mutilated in car accidents; which has proved too disturb-

ing for any British distributor to touch (although it was a prize-winner at the Cannes Film Festival); and Anjelica Huston's Bastard Out of Carolina, containing a grue-some rape scene which made CNN in the United States refuse to screen it, even though it had funded the

Sir Sydney said: "I've been going to the cinema and loving films for well over 60 vears ... Whether I'm scared

Old Master deadline nears

THE National Galleries of Scotland has until tomorrow night to stop an Italian masterpiece being shipped

Timothy Clifford: galleries "Gesty Museum in California." needs to raise E180,000 to 'meet the £2.04 month ago after the Government of the first the Francisco and Eliminate has been as second of the month of

century painting Erminia Finding the Wounded Tan-cred by Il Guercino is to be saved for the nation. If he fails "" the picture will be sold to the An appeal was launched a

or touched doesn't matter.

The subject-matter of these

films, though sight unseen, is

such that I will not be stand-

ing in line to see any of them."

He added that when he started going to the cinema, the only four-letter word in

Daphne Sleigh, leader of

the Tory group on Edinburgh

District Council, said: "These

are productions for people

who are sick in the mind and

certainly should not be shown

the cinema was "exit".

to people who are vuinerable."
Defending the programming.
David Smith, a festival
spokesman, said: "Every single one of those films is a title of 'great quality. David Cronenberg is a director of international reputation. Crash is one of the best films of the year. Nick Broomfield is known throughout the world as one of the ideological film-makers. Fetishes is a documentary whose subject matter is very difficult. He handles it with panache. It is not sensationalist. He gets to

these people tick."

Mr Broomfield is best known for productions such as Tracking Down Maggie, an unauthorised biography of Baroness Thatcher, and The Leader, His Driver and The Driver's Wife, about the South African neo-Nazi, Eu-

the bottom of what makes

Teacher accused vof sex attacks on girls

By Joanna Bale

A TEACHER indecently as-saulted three girls after being allowed to keep his job following an earlier attack, a court was told yesterday.

Christopher Keeton, the head of chemistry at a comprehensive school near Oldham. Lancashire, was said to have molested the girls after getting them alone after class. He had been allowed to continue teaching after agreeing never

to be alone with girl pupils.

The court was told that Mr Keeton, 32, touched them and said he admired their legs and chests. He told one that she looked "sexy" and suggested she should wear short skirts.

The married teacher had kept his job after an incident in which he grabbed and kissed a 16-year-old pupil on the lips in a school computer room in 1993. The girl was getting extra tuition from Mr Keeton so she could resit her

Manchester's. Minshull Street Crown Court was told he had been investigated by Oldham education officers who decided not to sack him from the 1,450-pupil North Chadderton High School.

Rowena Goode, for the prosecution, said: "Keeton was not allowed to be alone with a female pupil; but he breached that condition on a number of occasions. He touched these girls in ways that were inappropriate and he knew these girls neither liked it nor wanted it."

Mr Keeton carried out the attacks on the three girls during the 1994-95 academic year, the court was told. One girl sitting A-level chemistry was allegedly attacked four times and considered leaving the course. She decided to stay on but was groped on further occasions on her breasts and bottom, the court was told.

She eventually reported the teacher to the headmistress when he allegedly attacked her again following a parents' evening. Two other girls then came forward-to say they too

Mr Keeton, of Bromley Cross, near Boltone detailes Seven charges of indecent gene Terreblanche.

Criminal beat gun ban by deception

By Lin Jenkins

A CONVICTED criminal who bought guns by mail order through a simple deception was convicted of illegally possessing firearms and ammu-nition at the Old Bailey yesterday. The jury, however, was sent home for a second night before continuing to consider their verdicts on other charges of murdering a" woman, attempting to inurder

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another man. Sir Lawrence Verney, the Recorder of London, sent the jury home after their second day's deliberations in the trial of Richard Humphrey, 22, and Paul Ammah, 22

The jury found Humphrey guilty of possessing a 22 semi-automatic Star pistol and a 357 Magnum Saver and 200 rounds of ammunition which was delivered to his home in south London by TNT courier on March 7 last year.

He was also convicted of possessing a firepossessing a firearm when prohibited for five years because of a criminal conviction, Joanna Korner, QC, for the prosecution, said he had bought them by obtaining other people's firearms certificates and pretending they

He persuaded people advernising guns for sale in the magazine Gun Mart that he was a dealer. When they sent him their firearms certificates in compliance with rules relating to gun sales he then used them to buy guns in their

Humphrey, unemployed, of Shakespeare Road, Brixton, denied the firearms charges. He also denies murdering a woman in a south London block of flats, attempting to murder an RAF wing com-mander and a pregnant woman and shooting a disc jockey at a tube station and another man while robbing

Paul Ammah, 22, Clapham, south London, denies three charges of robbery.

Jailed drug case pair will have to stay in Morocco

By PETER FOSTER

TWO British teenagers sentenced to five years in a Moroccan jail for drug trafficking are unlikely to be allowed home to serve their sentences in a British jail, the Foreign Office said yesterday.
Sally Griffiths, who is 18 today, and Claire Martin, 19, both from Colchester, Essex. were found gadly of possessing and reading five kilos of concentrated cannabis. They

Charles Mochan, the Britsh Consul-General in Casablanca, where the women are being held, said yesterday that there was no agreement between Britain and Morocco for repatriating prisoners. "I am not aware of any other cases where repatriation has been possible."

The women were visited vesterday in Central Casablanca Prison by consulate officials and will be discussing an appeal with their lawyer later in the week.

Jo Smitheman, of the weifare organisation Prisoners Abroad, said Griffiths and Martin were being held in the same cell as four Moroccan women and that conditions in the jail were basic but clean. She said Prisoners Abroad would be keeping in touch with the women, adivsing them on their legal rights and

sending money and vitamin

pills to supplement the meagre prison diet. Griffiths's mother, Angela,

said yesterday that she and her family were going through an horrendous experience. This is a five-year sentence for us as well as Sally. The Foreign Office are investigating how much it will cost to lodge an appeal and we shall try and scratch the money together. That is our first money on flights to Morocco. aithough obviously we would

love to see her." The two women, both unemployed, shared a small, 100-year-old rented cottage in Colchester. A friend, Asa Honisett, 20, said they were inseparable friends who loved going to pubs and clubs together in the town.

Griffiths's sister Toni, 19, a trainee manager in a department store, said the news of the arrest had come as a complete shock to the family. "She had told us she was off on holiday in Lincoln. When I heard the news I just sat and cried and cried."

Martin's father, Christopher, a police schools liaison officer based at Colchester. travelled to Morrocco to support his daughter, who trained as a beautician at the Colchester Institute. Last night he was said to be on his way home.



Five years: Claire Martin, left, and Sally Griffiths

Police pull plug on teenager's car stereo

A TEENAGER who drove around a seaside town with rave music booming from his car stereo was fined £350

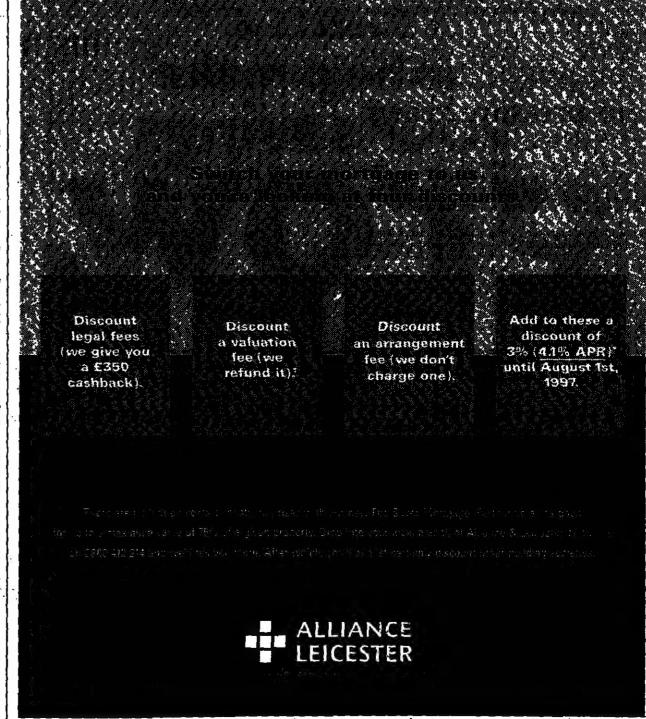
Undercover police had stopped Gary Smith's car after being deluged by complaints from elderly residents in Eastbourne, East Sussex, some of whom packed the public gallery of the town's magistrates' court.

Police said the back seat of Smith's Vauxhall Cavalier had been given over to a 3ft by 2ft speaker cabinet capable of emitting 100 watts.

Smith, 19, told the court: "I like music and I like it loud so I can hear it. It is all about the sound quality. It brings out the bass and treble." Smith, from the town, who denied an offence under the Control of Pollution Act 1974, was also

ordered to pay £140 costs.
One resident, Pamela
Laughton, 58, who had been in
court, said she was pleased at the fine: "It has been a living nightmare coping with the noise from the youngsters."

But Smith's mother, Susan Tilyard-Burrows, said: "He is no trouble at home. He feels he has been harshly dealt with and I tend to agree with him."



German Spitfire mugs shot down

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEPENCE CORRESPONDENT

VETERANS of the Second World War have been angered to find that the handpainted commemorative beer tankards they bought honouring the heroic deeds of Battle of Britain pilots were made in

While most veterans have learnt to forgive and forget, the "made in Germany" stamp on the tankards was criticised yesterday as highly insensitive. The porcelain tankards were distributed

by a company in Staffordshire. Ruth Block, 64, the daughter of RAF veteran Samuel Block, who died in the Battle of Britain along with his brother, alerted her local RAF Association in Sussex after buying one of the tankards which shows two Spitfires flying over the English coast. The mugs have been

Ms Block, from Brighton, said: "I

come from an RAF family and I know how people must feel when they see something like this. "When I saw that the company selling

the tankards was based in pottery country in Staffordshire, I assumed that's where they would be made. I got such a shock when I saw they were made in Hillscheid in Germany. It's such a shame that they didn't make the effort to find craftsmen in this country capable of making the tankards."

Tom Green, 75, a former RAF warrant officer who flew Lancaster bombers during the war and is now secretary of the Eastbourne branch of the RAF Association, said: "It's an outrage. It's rubbing salt into old wounds. I know the war has been over for a long time and we should let bygones be bygones, but this is

a bit much." He said: "The veterans who were injured in the war or those who lost good friends are the people expected to buy these tankards. To be asked to forget what happened is a bit much to expect. Something like this really hurts people's feelings. I can't believe they can be so

Peter Chadwick, the deputy secretarygeneral of the RAF Association in London, said that he was unaware of the new commemorative tankards. The association, he said, had produced its own glass tankards in the past "but they had always been made in Britain".

Crestley Collections, the distributors of the tankards, said some had been sent back. Andrew Rimmer, production manager, said: "The German company that made the tankards has a very good reputation. We couldn't find enough skilled craftsmen in this country to produce them.

"We have had tankards sent back and anyone else who isn't satisfied can return them to us within 90 days of buying

Dream of a healthy nation is foiled by fat of the land

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

HEAVY-drinking women, schoolchildren who smoke and the overweight of both sexes are ruining Stephen Dorrell's drive to create a healthy nation. Only 11 of the 27 targets set by the Depart-ment of Health to reduce premature death and avoidable sickness by promoting sensible lifestyles look certain to be reached.

The solitary success so far has been a reduction in gonorrhoea to fewer than 50,000 new cases a year, only a fifth of the 1970s' level, attributed to the increase in condom use. This should also reduce sexual transmission of HIV.

One target has already been missed: a drop in regular smoking by schoolchildren aged 11 to 15 from 8 per cent in 1988 to 6 per cent by 1994. Instead, 12 per cent had taken up the habit.

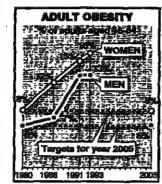
However, the Health Secretary is refusing to consider a ban on cigarette advertising, arguing that countries that have done so have reduced tobacco consumption less than Britain has. He said it was up to the public to change lifestyles, following government health education.

The National Audit Office today reports limited progress in achieving the aims of The Health of the Nation White Paper of 1992. The ambitious

heart disease, strokes, cancer, mental illness, sexually transmitted diseases and accidents was introduced by Virginia Bottomley when she was Health Secretary, and helped to form her reputation among critics as a bossy nanny to the nation.

Teams from the National Health Service formulated action plans" to improve education, screening and pre-ventive techniques. "Challenging but realistic" targets were set to be reached by dates between 1994 and 2005.

But despite the exhortations of politicians and doctors, Sir John Bourn, the Comptroller and Auditor General, reports that Britons' behaviour is becoming worse in three areas: obesity in men and women, drinking by women and smoking by the young. For seven other targets,



figures available. Some progress is being made towards six targets. Another 11 are making "good progress", including the reduction of coro-nary heart disease, strokes, breast and lung cancer, suicides and accidents. The Government set targets on obesity because it increases

progress cannot be monitored

because there are too few

the likelihood of coronary heart disease, strokes and illnesses including diabetes. Ministers want only 8 per cent of women and 6 per cent of men, aged 16 to 64, to be overweight by 2005: the same proportion as in 1980. But instead figures since then have risen to 16 per cent of women and 13 per cent of men. Alcohol targets were set

because too much drink raises the blood pressure, increasing the risk of stroke, and is blamed for liver cirrhosis. cancers and road traffic accidents. Although the proportion of women drinking the equivalent of 14 glasses of wine or more per week was supposed to fall to 7 per cent by 2005, it has risen to 13 per cent. There has been no fall in men's drinking.

Mr Dorrell said: "The Government can ensure the maximum possible degree of education so that individuals make informed choices about

NHS says patients suffering as Minister achieves cost cuts

NHS MANAGERS complained yesterday that services have suffered after Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary. announced that his promised cut of 5 per cent in management costs has been achieved and claimed it would release

El03 million for patient care. One trust had to delay the appointment of a co-ordinator to improve the use of operating theatres and another was unable to employ a development manager to implement an agreed mental health

The National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts said it was shortsighted of Mr Dorrell to pursue "downward cost pressure" without looking at the value that managers could bring. The NHS Trust Federation said managers were being turned into scapegoats for the increase in bureaucracy imposed by the Department of Health in the past. The trade union Unison said that far too much management time was still being wasted keeping the internal

market going.

Mr Dorrell exceeded his target by cutting 5.2 per cent in cash terms, (8 per cent taking account of inflation) of the bill paid by trusts to managers and consultants. The spiralbudget for managers of billion in England last year was already being looked upon by Labour as a source of extra money that could be diverted into patient care after the election without increasing

Fearsome biter was bitten but not chewed

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

THE skull of a crocodile that provided lunch for an even more fearsome reptile 165 million years old has been found in a gravel pit in

Embedded in the left eye socket of the crocodile's skull is a tooth belonging to an even bigger creature, probably a plesiosaur or a pliosaur. The body is missing, presumed eaten. The skull was discovered by chance by Dr Neville Hollingsworth, a geologist, as he searched the quarry for other fossilised remains.

Days earlier, a team of international geologists had clambered over it but the crocodile emerged only after rain washed away surface clay, revealing a large snout sticking out of the rock. "I couldn't believe what I

was seeing," Dr Hollings-worth said, "I knew what it was instantly but I was speechless for a minute. This is the equivalent of winning the archaeological lottery. With the other fossilised marine remains that we are find-ing, we have a marine Jurassic Park here."

The skull is thought to be the best example of its kind in the world. It belongs to a marine crocodile, Metrior hynchus supersiliosus, which would have swum in the warm tropical waters using

paddles instead of legs.
Fully grown, it would have been 20ft long, but it appears to have met an untimely end in the mouth of a predator. "Its body may have provided dinner for a fellow reptile

higher up in the food chain."
Dr Hollingsworth said.
Although plesiosaurs fed mostly on fish, some were certainly big enough to tackle even more formidable, whalesized reptiles up to 40ft long that fed on other large carnivores, including plesiosaurs.

Scientists have been able to date the crocodile skull to within half a million years using a geochemical process that measures the decay of the surrounding clay. The crocodile lived at a time when



Dr Hollingsworth with crocodile skull and, below, the plesiosaur, a suspect



much of northern Europe was covered by a warm and shal-

low subtropical sea. The land was occupied by marauding dinosaurs, but Metriorhynchus shared the waters with a diverse array of marine life. The Oxford clay

unique to the area is proving a rich source of these creatures. yielding better preserved fossils than anything else of equivalent age in Europe. Last week, a group

research scientists working in the clay found the remains of

fossilised squids unique to northern Europe. The squids were discovered with their original soft parts preserved in phosphate, including ink sacs complete with ink.

An area 20 miles from the site was originally excavated in the 1840s as workers dug embankments for the Great Western Railway. Fossils were removed and are in museums worldwide, but the site was soon covered and forgotten. Now the area is reaping even richer finds.

The crococile skull in particular is such an exciting dis-covery. It is a window back into the Jurassic sea," Dr Hol-lingsworth said. "It could be a taster. We may yet find fossils

Gravity surveys have shown

the existence of a ring-shaped

feature underground, but the

seismic results should con-

firm that it is an impact crater.

suggesting that the dinosaurs'

extinction coincided with an

impact from space. The most

persuasive is the discovery in

rocks of the appropriate age a

layer rich in iridium, an

element rare on Earth but

commoner in meteorites and

But proving that the Yuca-tan was the point of impact of

an object big enough to ac-count for the global changes that killed the dinosaurs

would be a big step forward. If

it was, the debris of the impact

would have been enough to

block out sunlight for tens of

Dr Snyder said that lime-

stone sediment in the waters of the Caribbean would have

comets.

There are already dues

Rail body criticises crash line

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The poor condition of the West Coast main line from London to Glasgow, scene of last week's fatal crash at Watford, came under attack yesterday from a passenger

watchdog.
Underinvestment in the 400-mile track had resulted in unacceptable" levels of reliability and punctuality, the Rail Users' Consultative Come mittee for northwest England

said in a report.
Only 76 per cent of
InterCity services between
London and Glasgow arrived within ten minutes of their scheduled times, well below the 90 per cent target set by the Passenger's Charter. "This highlights the continuing need for modernisation of the tine, which seems to have been slowed by privatisa-tion," the report said.

Boy's bomb cache

The Army has destroyed a cache of bombs made by a boy, 15, at home in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. Police found rockets, weedkiller, bombs, gunpowder and bang ers. The boy and his father were arrested and bailed. A spokesman said the boy had become interested in making bombs after studies at school.

Ferries halted

Ferry services between the Orkney Islands were halted yesterday by the first of a series of one-day strikes by crews in a dispute over working hours. The principal ferry link to the Scottish mainland was not affected. Members of the Rail, Maritime and Transport union are planning a second strike for Sunday.

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£900,000 award

Naomi Walsby, 12, was awarded £900,000 damages for the severe head injuries she received in 1989 when an amusement machine fell on her at the Elstree Moat House Hotel at Borehamwood, Hertfordshire. She was left with serious mobility and communication problems and is dependent on care.

Fishing fine

A Danish fishing skipper was fined £20,540 at Stornoway Sheriff Court for having an excess secondary catch while fishing for pout off Barra Head in the Hebrides. Vagn Holm-Neilsen, 50, admitted taking is tonnes of herring on board the Mette Holm, ex cent "by-catch".

Bad tidings

Executives at Carlton UK have been banned from sending company Christmas cards. Clive Jones, chief executive of the television company, told staff that he would prefer to spend the money on programme-making or marketing and that anyone break ing his rule would be subject to "the usual revenge".

Riot case closed

The Crown Prosecution Service has ruled out a prosecution for alleged inflammatory remarks made before the Brixton riot last December. The riot followed the death in Brixton police station of Wayne Douglas, a burglary suspect. Senior police officers are understood to be in agreement with the CPS decision.

Happy haddock

The future is looking rosy for a solitary Norwegian red haddock called Sven at the Sea Life Centre at St Andrews, Fife. The fisherman who caught Sven in 1994 has landed a female, to be called Heiga. The fish, bright red in colour and rare in Scottish waters, will be introduced at

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Crater may reveal how dinosaurs became extinct

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

BRITISH scientists will set out to solve a 65-million-year-old mystery next month.

They will measure a crater in the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico that is believed to have been created by the impact of the meteorite or comet that killed the dinosaurs.

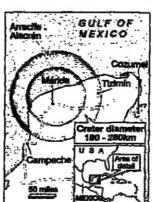
The crater, the largest known on Earth, is buried under up to three kilometres of more recent sedimentary rock. It could be anything between 180 and 280 kilometres across, Dr Dave Snyder of the De-partment of Earth Sciences at

Cambridge said. If the crater lies at the low end of the range, the object that made it was probably too small to have caused mass extinctions. At the top end, it was "undoubtedly large enough", Dr Snyder said. If an object of this size crashed on Oxford, its crater would swallow everything from Cardiff across to London, and Derby

down to Southampton. The team, which includes Jo Morgan and Mike Warner from Imperial College, and scientists from the US, Canada and Mexico, will use ways

of measuring earthquakes to size the crater. Dr Snyder will be aboard the Sigma, an exploration ship fitted with 48 compressed-air chambers capable of making a loud blast. Onshore in Mexico, the Imperial College team will record the sounds and measure how they are reflected from different layers in the Earth's crust.

Dr Snyder said: "The density of the rock and the boundaries between different types will affect how these waves travel. Because the area of the crater covers both land and sea, we'll need to use oceanbottom seismometers and land-based seismic stations."



been vaporised and, mixed with the moisture in the air, would have caused acid rain, killing off the plankton in the seas. Death would have spread up the food chain. The team expects to make its measurements at the end of next month, and take about a

year to analyse them. When a drinks party can be a real pain

SUFFERERS from untreated gout know that to skip break-fast and lunch before attending a drinks party on the way home from the office is as good a recipe as any for precipitating an attack of joint pain the next day. As they hobble to work next morning they won't need any other reminder than the swollen, painful and stiff joints that starvation —even for a short time — alcohol and gout are an unhappy

Other patients have a form of arthritis that is directly related to drinking some types of alcohol; in particular red wine or beer. One financier developed swollen joints in his hands every time he drank wine. Provided he was abstemious he had no arthritis. Interestingly, now the patient has retired from the City he is able to manage the odd half-



bottle without any trouble. The effect of alcohol on gout and on the joints of the very rare person who is allergic to alcohol are perhaps of less significance than its action on rheumatoid arthritis.

This is the form of the disease that causes inflammation of the articular surfaces of the joints and which, if it is not treated, may result in deformity. The patient with rheuma-toid arthritis also generally feels very unwell.

Researchers at the University of Washington, in Seattle, US, have studied the effect of alcohol - whether wine, beer

or spirits — on the incidence of rheumatoid arthritis in women. This research has come up with a surprising finding. Although obesity and smoking increased the likeli-hood of a woman developing rheumatoid arthritis, alcohol

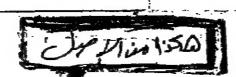
Light to moderate drinking, five to 14 units of alcohol a week - a unit represents a pub measure of spirits, a half pint of beer or a modest glass of wine - reduced the inci-dence of rheumatoid arthritis whatever the age of the woman. The particularly striking statistic, however,

likely to develop rheumatoid arthritis were those who were post-menopausal and drank 14 units a week, the equivalent of two glasses of wine a day, or a couple of pub tots or one home dispensed gin and tonic

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Portillo torn by sale of Tory HQ to McDonald's

BY JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTED

MICHAEL PORTILLO was last night caught in an embarrassing row as his constituents urged him to block plans to turn his local Conservative association offices into a McDonald's restaurant.

kering action

Torn between party officers " who back the lucrative sale and Tory voters who fear the restaurant will disrupt the community, the Defence Secno retary sat firmly on the fence and made clear he could not " take sides in the dispute.

At a public meeting in his Enfield Southgate constituency in north London local people told Mr Portillo that unless he stepped in and halted the sale he risked losing their votes. Contracts between McDonald's and the Conservative Association have been exchanged subject to planning permission by Enfield Borough Council.

McDonald's is believed to have offered £325,000 for the site, some £100,000 more than the asking price, and Tory officials are keen to secure the sale as soon as possible. Residents say the extra cash is effectively a political donation

to the Tory party.

Mr Portillo told The Times: "Since I have been a minister, I have never taken sides on a planning issue because it could ultimately go to the Secretary of State for the Environment and we are then bound by collective responsibility. What I do in all cases is represent the views of my constitu-

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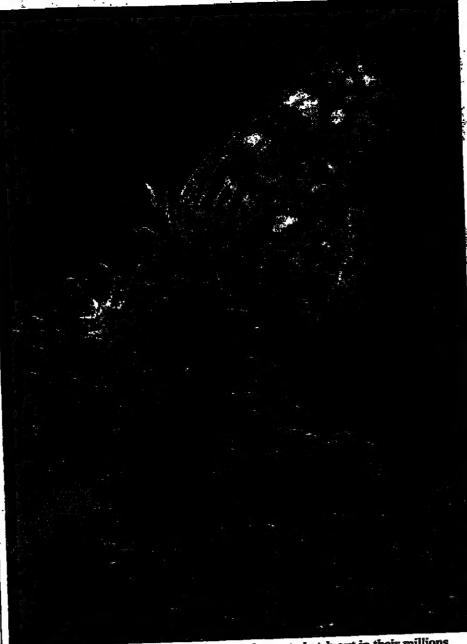
ents to the planning authority." He added that the Mc-Donald's case had aroused a lot of feeling. "People are worried about noise, traffic. litter, what the look of it will be. All of those concerns have to be put to the planning authority." Mr Portillo, a regular diner at an existing McDonald's in Southgate, denied that he would support the fast-food chain because it practised the sort of low-wage employment and training policies that he advocated.

Residents believe that a large, "drive through" Mc-Donald's at the Century House site in Southgate would disrupt a residential area. Peter Tasker, 42, a chartered surveyor, is leading the opposition to McDonald's. He claims to have the support of 2,000 local people. Although Mr Tasker has voted Tory in the past, he said he would not if the sale went through.

In the opposing corner are Malcolm Tyndall, the local Tory agent, and Lionel Zetter. the Tory chairman, both of whom are keen to raise funds. Mr Zetter said the association offices were too large, run down, expensive and underused. He rejected the idea that the site was in leafy suburbia.

McDonald's also denies that the area is residential, and says it is merely responding to demand. The new restaurant would be the 700th McDonald's opened in Brit-





Richly coloured painted ladies, expected soon to hatch out in their millions

Butterflies enliven summer in record blaze of colour

By Michael Hornsby, countriside correspondent

its biggest invasions of summer butterflies and moths in living memory, led by painted ladies, red admirals and the less-well-Raown silver "Y"

Clouds of the aerial migrants came across earlier in the year from Europe and northern Africa, where they take refuge from the rigours of the British winter, and millions more are expected to hatch here this month.

Lepidopterists say the visitors had a particularly good breeding season in their winter quarters and arrived in Britain in vastly bigger num-bers than usual in spring. Sandra Bell, who runs a

roject to encourage butterflies at Kew Gardens in southwest London, said: There was an extraordinarily big influx of painted ladies in late May and early June. The hot weather was good for egg

laying." Named for their brown colouring with pinkish flashes and black-and-white wing tips, huge numbers have been seen fluttering around buddleia and lavender bushes and on roadside brambles.

Martin Warren, of the Dorset-based charity Butterfly Conservation, said: "Normally you have to look quite hard to find any painted lady

BRITAIN is enjoying one of caterpillars in Dorset, but this year virtually every thistle, their favourite food, had one." Red admirals, with their vivid red and black colouring, are doing almost as well, Dr Warren said. They came over in large numbers from France in late May and early June,"

> clouded yellows, another visitor from France, this month." Silver "Y" moths, which take their name from the yshaped mark on their forewings, have invaded crops in England for the first time, particularly spring-sown oil-seed rape."

he said. "I expect to see a lot of

Chris Mead, a naturalist with the British Trust for Ornithology, said convolvu-lus hawkmoths, death's head hawkmoths and hummingbird hawkmoths were among occasional visitors that may be seen in greater numbers this year. Among permanent residents, which account for 90 per cent of butterflies regularly seen in Britain, pea-

most abundant this year. By contrast, the large white or cabbage white, normally one of Britain's most common resident butterflies, has been unusually clusive. This will please cabbage growers on whose crops the caterpillars

cocks, gatekeepers and holly

blues, are reported to be the



Silver 'Y' moth



Clouded yellow



Peacock butterfly



Red admiral

Asian woman says estate agent barred her from viewing house

By Shirley English

AN ASIAN woman is suing an estate agents for £20,000, claiming she was stopped from viewing a house in a prosperous suburb because of Shaaisda Yousaf, 39, of

Newton Mearns, Glasgow, claims she was discriminated against on racial grounds when she expressed an interest in viewing the £95,000 house near by in July 1994. Paisley Sheriff Court was told yesterday that she was so angry at being refused the opportunity to view the property that she and her husband

their suspicions of racism by asking two Asian colleagues and two white acquaintances to telephone Robb Estate Agency with requests to view the property.

The outcome had confirmed their belief that Asian interest would not be welcomed. The agency had told the Asians it would get back to them but did not do so, while the white people had been given appointments to view. Mrs Yousaf maintains that the vendors, John and Shirley-Ann Nelson, had instructed the agents not to allow Asians'

to view. erty that she and her husband Mrs Yousaf said she be-Muzaffar, 41, decided to test carrie suspicious when she

There's a great

deal going on

called for an appointment to view and was told by a Robb employee that she would get back to her after contacting

Mrs Yousaf told the court: When she got back to me she said Mr and Mrs Nelson were going away that weekend and as the house was untidy they did not want to show it to me. "I felt quite uneasy and that

she wasn't telling the truth. I felt that I wasn't being allowed to see the house because I was The Robb agency, of New-ton Mestric and the Nelsons a Pakistani." deny acting in contravention

of the Race Relations Act.

case of racist dismissal

AN INDUSTRIAL tribunal has made one of the biggest awards for race discrimination after a left-wing council flouted its equal opportunity policy. Jamie Williams, 31, a property inspector who is black, was awarded £40,000 after Southwark Council concocted a "sham redundancy" to oust him from his job. Mr

Williams, now an unemployed trainee architect, was awarded £20,000 for what he described during the hearing as "deep hint and £20,000 for loss of

Last year Claude Johnson, a Brixton prison warder, won £21,000 for injury to techings.

£40,000 for | Collectors fined after 10,000 eggs seized

POLICE found more than 10,000 rare birds' eggs when they raided the home of an illegal collector, a court was told yesterday.

The discovery came after a nationwide police and RSPB operation aimed at collectors and traders in protected eggs. Geoffrey Peirson, 48, a property developer, was fined £5,000 with £80 costs by magistrates at Salisbury after the raid on his home in

Torquay. Two other collectors, Anthony Parkes, also 48, a business-man of Catchgate. Co Durham, and Michael Sloane, 36, a scaffolder of Castlethorpe, Buckingham-

£1,600 and £1,000. All admitted offences under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. The court was told that the

three were members of the Jourdain Society — a respect-ed body that studies eggs. A society meeting in a hotel in Salisbury was raided by police in July 1994, prompting the nationwide operation.

Paul Rice; for the prosecution, said that under the Act the defendants were liable to prove that eggs were acquired legitimately. This usually involved marking the egg and a catalogue date card. In Parkes's case, he said police seized only about 3,000 data cards and Parkes's recording





Bereaved parents warn of danger of teenage drinking

THE parents of a girl who died after a secret drinking session at a holiday camp party warned other young people of the dangers of alco-hol yesterday.

The father of Lindsay

Grant, 15, said she "drank her herself to death" by consuming half a bottle of vodka at a North Wales caravan site with two friends on Friday night.

Paramedics tried to revive her when she collapsed but she never regained consciousness and died 12 hours later in hospital from heart failure. Her parents John and Lorraine, from Wigan, Greater Manchester, warned other parents: "Don't let this happen to you." Mr Grant said: "Lindsay drank herself to death. Let this be a lesson to other youngsters. It is not just drugs that are dangerous. Alcohol can kill you as well.

Lindsay was on holiday at Presthaven Sands caravan park with two friends and their parents. The three girls had gone to the party at the entertainments complex on the site at Gronant outside

Prestatyn. Mr Grant said: "It was very well run. It was just for teenagers and there was no bar. Bouncers were around to make sure that none of the children was drinking but somehow they sneaked in a

bottle of vodka and drank it without anybody knowing. She must have had an awful lot in a very short space of time. We do not blame anyone. It was just a tragic accident." One of Lindsay's friends needed hospital treat-

ment for the effects of alcohol. Mrs Grant said: "I cannot believe that this has happened. She was such a good girl and never caused a moment's worry. I don't know what possessed her to do this. She never drank and when we were on holiday together earliinterested in drink. She used to lecture us saying we



Lindsay Grant family holiday with friends

shouldn't have to drink to have a good time. She has just made one stupid mistake and it has cost her her life."

David Fisher, the caravan park manager, told how his door staff found Lindsay staggering in the car park and called an ambulance. "She kept passing out and being sick. We couldn't smell any alcohol on her though, and she certainly didn't get it at the club house." He added: "It's all very sad and my condoences go out to her family." He said that under-18s were

not allowed to drink in the park leisure club. "There's no way we would serve them. If we did. I would lose my licence." Mr Fisher described the Friday night party as more of a family entertainment with music, comedians and cabaret. "It's not a disco as such."

Lindsay, who had a sister Kelly, 18, had been doing well at school and had just taken part in a "swimathon" to raise money for charity. Mr Grant daughter, a joy to everyone around her. We warned her not only of drugs but also of drink."

North Wales Police said: "A post-mortem examination showed that Lindsay died from natural causes. We cannot comment further until the

Chain of defences faced raiders swarming across Channel



At Portchester, near Portsmouth, the best preserved fort, the layout designed to catch attackers in a withering crossfire can be studied

The Battle of Britain, Roman style

BY THE 4th century. Rome's might was crumbling and Britain - at the furthest edge of the Empire — was under constant attack by marauding tribes, brigands and pirates.

The most serious threat to Pax Romana was posed by the Saxons who had long harboured territorial designs on Britain. In response to the so-called barbarian conspiracy, a string of fortified bases was constructed along what was to become known as the Saxon Shore. Rome was no longer able to conquer, only to

No site better illustrates the rise, decline and fall of imperial power in Britain than the shore fort at Richborough on the windy tip of the Isle of Thanet in Kent. It was here that the legions landed in AD 43, here that a triumphal arch was built to celebrate the conquest and here, centuries later, that the barbarians were to snuff out the last vestiges of Romano-British civilisation.

When the Emperor Claudi-us landed, Richborough was an island linked to the main land by a causeway and easily defended. Now the shore fort stands a mile back from the Channel near Sandwich.

There is a curiously fortorn air to the site today. All that remains of the monument that Claudius commissioned after the conquest are its massive foundations. As the

raids became more frequent and successful, the monument was to be demolished and the stone used to build up the walls. However, the Saxon Shore forts were to be as Ineffective as the Maginot

Portchester in Hampshire. the most westerly and one of the finest in the defensive chain, was built at the end of the 3rd century when Carausius, a rebel commander. attempted to wrest control of Britain away from the

The Roman walls are the most complete in Europe, with 14 of the original 20 bastions surviving. Unlike Richborough, which is now landlocked, the fort at Portchester is still washed by the sea as it was when legionaries watched from the

raid on the Saxon Shore. Four gates gave access to the fort, their positioning artfully designed to enhance Portchester's defences. There were posterns in the north and south walls, and main gates in the middle of the east and west.

battlements for yet another

Such is the lavout that any attacking force close to the ramparts would be caught in withering crossfire. Although the east gate is gone -

excavations have uncovered the remains of timber barracks. As Dr Roger Wilson, lecturer in classical archaeology at the University of Dublin,

wrote about Portchester. This magnificent site hardly qualifies for the description ruin'. Such is its state of preservation ... it needs little imagination to visualise the fort in its heyday." Along the coast and across

west gate is clearly discern-

Defensive ditches are still

visible and within the walls

Sussex, Pevensey was also a vital link in the chain. This shore fort, too, is now inland.

the county border in East the attackers.

Nine acres are encircled by the surviving Roman walls. However, medieval additions have done much to dilute the Romano-British atmosphere that the visitor senses on

Richborough. Of the surviving Saxon

arrival at Portchester or

Shore sites, perhaps only Burgh Castle in Norfolk can come close to rivalling the southern forts. Garrisoned by a Balkan cavalry troop, it lay on the River Waveney frequently the scene of bar-barian raids. With its immensely thick walls the redoubt would have been almost impossible to storm. Toppled bastions show what appear to be the mounting for ballistae, sophisticated "artillery" that hurled missiles on and

If the visitor had to choose just one of the Saxon Shore sites at which to spend the day, then perhaps Richborough is the most evocative. Every stage of the Roman occupation can be seen conquest and loss.

What began as a bridgehead became a thriving town. Merchant vessels were to bring all that was best for the conquerors. Finds of gold coins, jewellery, glass, games and oyster shells show that Richborough enjoyed great affluence. But the biting wind that blows all year through the breached walls and the remains of the triumphal arch tells a different story: of the inevitability of decay.

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Tomorrow: Fishbourne and

woman sues Cunard A DISABLED woman who

Disabled

left a Cunard cruise after allegedly being told that she would not be allowed out of her cabin yesterday began suing the company. June Tomlinson, who is in a wheelchair, saved for three years for the cruise on the Cunard Princess in January 1994.

When she booked the cruise in 1993 Mrs Tomlinson, 62, said that she was wheelchairbound but could walk a few steps, backing her claim with a doctor's note. When she and her husband Arthur joined the ship in Malaga her legs were swollen by water retention during the journey and she could not walk, Notting-

ham County Court was told. Her husband said that they left the ship after staff ruled her unfit to travel and told them they would have to remain in their cabin throughout the cruise. Mrs Tomlinson, of Bestwood Park. Nottinghamshire, was refused a refund of her £1,266 fare. The case continues.

Death crash boy was due in court

ONE of the five teenagers killed when their car crashed into a dyke had been facing criminal charges, it was disclosed yesterday. Mark Lee, 17, was due to appear before Leicester Youth Court yesterday accused of a string of crimes, including car theft.

He faced charges of aggravated vehicle-taking and was accused of a burglary in February in which a video recorder, jewellery and cash were taken. Lee, of Thurnby Lodge, Leicester, had also been charged with driving without insurance in May and shoplifting in June.

Magistrates formally ended proceedings against him yes-terday after being told of his death.

Jamie Woods, 16, Stewart Bevins, 16. Ben O'Gorman, 17. and Danny Campbell, 14, all of Thurnby Lodge, also died in the crash at a caravan site in Ingoldmells, Lincolnshire.

Another friend, Jamie Meacham. 19. of Thurnby Lodge, survived after scrambling free from the Austin Montego, which plunged into a dyke early on Sunday. Police have not established who was driving. Friends of the teenagers laid

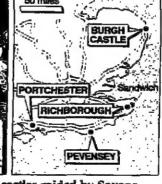
flowers and wreaths yesterday outside a shop which was their favourite meeting place. Leah Green, 14, a neighbour who was on holiday in Ingoldmells at the weekend, said: "No one will ever replace them. They were always happy and

She said that she had met Mark Lee and Jamie Meacham at a hamburger restaurant in Ingoldmells on Saturday night, just hours before the crash. They asked if I wanted to go with them, but I had to go with my mum and dad. I should have met un with the boys again on Sunday

The girl said reports that the teenagers went to a rave at the Fantasy Island leisure complex before the crash were wrong Lincolnshire Police said: "We understand one of the youths had been to the rave, but not all of them."



Reconstruction of Richborough, centre of a string of castles raided by Saxons



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MoD discloses 20 nuclear incidents

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THERE have been about 20 incidents involving British nuclear weapons since 1960, but none resulted in a release of radioactivity, the Ministry of Defence has disclosed.

However, the ministry denied knowledge yesterday of incidents involving American nuclear weapons at British bases in the late 1950s and early 1960s about which the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament insists there has been an official cover-up. Documents obtained by

CND reported a serious fire at the US Air Force base at Greenham Common, Berkshire, in August 1957, involving a "loaded" nuclear bomber, and a second fire at the same base in February 1958. A nuclear weapon was said to have been "scorched and blistered" in a crash at an unknown US Air Force base in 1961. The Ministry has asked the American authorities for any further information on these alleged incidents.

CND also says that during an exercise in May 1959, a British 2,000lb nuclear bomb was "severely damaged" after it was dropped accidentally on the hard standing at RAF Wittering in Cambridgeshire. A spokeswoman for the Ministry said that if a bomb had been accidentally jettisoned it would not have been a nuclear device, since dummies were

always used during exercises. The details of the 20 incidents involving Britsh nuclear weapons were compiled in July 1992 by Sir Ronald Oxburgh, then the Ministry's chief scientific adviser. He reported that "as far as we can tell", no weapons were damaged, but that the casing of some bombs was scratched. The Ministry said they were all minor incidents.

CND yesterday published its manifesto for the worldwide abolition of nuclear weapons. The "blueprint" calls for negotiations on a nuclear weapons convention. similar to the chemical weapons convention agreed in Geneva last year.

Eddie Goncalves, one of the report's authors, said CND's allegations of nuclear weapons accidents in Britain supported its case.

police with inquiries

By STEWART TENDLER

A POLICE force has ignored the prospect of becoming the butt of jokes by taking delivery of a free Skoda.

Suffolk police, who already have three Malaysian-built Protons in its fleet, have been given a six-month loan of a Felicia estate car by a local dealer. The Czech-built car, which has a top speed of 90mph and takes 17 seconds to reach 60mph, will not be used by regular officers or to respond to 999 calls. It will ferry special constables around the market town of Bury St Edmunds.

A police spokesman said government rules meant that I per cent of police income should now come through sponsorship. "We have no problems with the car but the old Skoda jokes are coming out of the closet. We would rather have been sponsored by BMW or Porsche but you have got to start somewhere." Graham Lawrence, the

dealer, said: "The car is very economical and will not let the police down. I wouldn't be surprised if the police wanted more of them."

Skoda helps TV man grounds charity flights

By Eve-Ann Prentice

A FUNDRAISING day at a rural airstrip in aid of the BBC charity Children in Need has been curtailed after protests

led by a BBC presenter. Robin Page, who hosts BBC2's One Man and his Dog, protested to the local authority about noise at Little Gransden airfield on the border of Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire.

The airfield raises money through donations from pilots in lieu of landing fees, profits from refreshments and donations from visitors to the airstrip.

Mr Page, who has started his own charity, the Countryside Restoration Trust, lives in a village near Cambridge that is unaffected by noise from the airfield. But the presenter said that he had enjoyed walking in woodland near the end of the runway, where oxlips and wood anemones grow, which had been "ruined by the number of planes flying over

Mr Page said: "The airfield owners have turned a piece of rural land into a noisy area. Permission for the airfield should never have been given. They could probably donate the money instead of having this day.

South Cambridgeshire District Council has stepped in to adjudicate in the increasingly bitter dispute between villagers and flying enthusiasts, and ruled that the number of flights on the charity day be halved compared with similar events in previous years.

John Jefferies, who owns Little Gransden airfield with his brother Mark, said: "We have held fundraising days for Children in Need for four or five years and all profits go to the charity." Up to £1.700 has been raised in previous years. when an unrestricted number of flights in and out of the ly about 120. This year the council has imposed a limit of 60 flights.

Gareth Jones, the deputy planning director for South Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "We decided to cut the number of take-offs and landings after getting letters of complaint from Gransden."

Caine to put art collection up for sale

BY EMMA WILKINS

MICHAEL CAINE is to sell art and antiques that decorated his Hollywood home after deciding to spend more time in

As a struggling actor in the carly 1960s, Caine began collecting art nouveau and art deco lamps and glassware. The collection, along with works by Picasso, Lowry, Dali and Moore, will be auctioned over three days by Sotheby's in October and November and is expected to fetch £500,000.

Caine, whose personal fortune is said to exceed Elo million, owns a house in Oxfordshire that is liberally decorated with fine arts and antiques. After shipping his collection from America, he and his wife Shakira decided it

would not fit in. "I had hoped we might be able to squeeze the two collections together, but there simply isn't the room," he said. "I shall be sorry to part with the things we had when we lived in Los Angeles, but I was concerned that the more tragile pieces could get damaged being crammed in too

Parking warden arrested at Palace

A PARKING warden has made an official complaint against the police after he was arrested and handcuffed while trying to put a ticket on a van outside Buckingham Palace. The warden defied a policeman who ordered him to ignore the vehicle while it made a delivery at the

Palace's goods entrance. The policeman arrested him, handcuffed his hands behind his back and took him to the police office at the Palace. The grey-uniformed warden, who is in his 20s, was told that he was at risk of being charged with obstructing police but was later released without further action. His employer, APCOA, the parking contractor for Westminster City Council, has made an official complaint

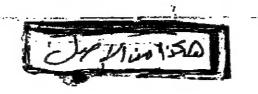
to the Metropolitan Police. The incident happened on Friday at Buckingham Gate, which runs beside the Palace. A council spokesman said: "The man was distressed and visibly shaken. He was sent home on sick leave. He had

been trying to issue a ticket to a van that was illegally parked where unloading is not allowed, in an area where police have

asked us to be vigilant. "He did not offer any resistance but the handcuffs were not removed. The council is dismayed and believes the policeman's action was extreme."

Scotland Yard said: "A man was arrested for obstructing police. He was given a formal warning and released





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Chechen guerrillas face hollow victory in ruins of Grozny

BEFORE you reach the city's outskirts. Grozny looms on the skyline like a large black cloud, the result of six huge oil fires burning out of control and belching thick smoke high into the Caucasus sky.

With the almost continuous clatter of helicopter gunships and the occasional roar of warplanes overhead, most drivers these days spend as much time looking nervously above them as they do along the shell-pitted roads ahead.

A week after a fierce and perfectly executed rebel offensive, life in the Chechen capital has stabilised to what passes for normality in a country gripped by constant war. Russian forces control a handful of positions in the centre and on the outskirts; the rest of the sprawling capital is in rebel hands. The situation is almost as it was when the conflict crupted in December 1994.

A good example is the Grozny district of Chernorechiye where, since the first day of the rebel offensive last week, lightly armed rebels have surrounded and cut off a Russian base of 1,000. "Those election] the attacks resumed.



Chechenia's separatists have outfought the Russians, but Richard Beeston in Grozny finds the price has been high

poor bastards are starving to death like flies," said Roma, a grinning fighter who, unlike his Russian enemies, was going home for a day off after week spent harrying the beleaguered garrison.

Although it was widely expected that the Chechen offensive would last only days, it is now clear the separatists are well established and plan a long stay. "In March when we attacked our objective was to seize Grozny and pull out after a few days," said Ahmed Zakayev, one of the insurgents' top meant to take Grozny and hold it until the Russians provide concrete evidence that they are serious about ending the conflict neacefully. "We trusted Yeltsin's prom-

ises, but as soon as he won lihe

This time we want the Russians to pull out before we relinquish what we have captured."

Although the former actor, holder of the undernanding post of Chechen Minister of Culture, cuts a rather Hollywood appearance in his black scarf, green headband and battle fatigues, his demands are real and the ability of his fighters proved in battle. Putting aside the speed with which they captured Grozny and the two smaller towns of Gudermes and Argun last week, the separatists have proved to be as adept at military planning as they are at street lighting. The Ladas, tractors and

lorries of the Chechen rebel army yesterday kept open a supply lifeline that should enable them to hold on to their



Russian soldiers carry a colleague, one of hundreds killed in efforts to retake Grozny, to a safe area in the city

capital. Grozny's version of the Ho Chi Minh trail, the supply route that helped the Communist forces to conquer Vietnam, may be shorter and less exotic, but it performs the same service, bringing in food, ammunition and fresh fighters and moving out wounded

and weary guerrillas.
But civilians have paid a high price for Chechen victories. Yesterday one family,

half-Chechen and half-Russian, walked the eight miles to the safety of the city outskirts after their home was destroyed by Russian artillery. "This conflict is madness," said Andy Gusayev. "We just

want to be left in peace." More disturbingly for the rebels was a less typical refugee scene, when a middle-aged man, trying to escape with his family, struck a heavily armed Chechen fighter who had threatened to confiscate his car because his documents were not in order.

The rebels may be winning on the battlefield and at the negotiating table, but their victory could be hollow. The city they have fought to control is a wasteland of destruction, home to stray dogs and people too weak to

One clue to how people felt could be found at a pond near Grozny's industrial district. wo elderly men, one Russian and one Chechen, had clearly had enough of 20 months of war. They ignored the mad-

ness around them to indulge in their passion for fishing. They are just starting to bite," said one man, grinning contentedly as his float

SATURDAY IN THE TIMES



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Peace talks held amid frail truce

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

THE new truce for Chechenia General Lebed, who is Presideclared by General Alek-sandr Lebed, the Russian security chief, had an uneasy birth yesterday as sporadic fighting continued in Grozny while the two opposing commanders met to work on the terms of a ceasefire.

General Konstantin Pulikovsky and Colonel Aslan Maskhadov met in Noviye Atagi, south of the capital, where Colonel Maskhadov had met General Lebed on Sunday night, to hammer out the details of a ceasefire, due to begin at noon today, and a pullback by both sides.

This is familiar ground for Colonel Maskhadov. General Pulikovsky is the fifth Russian commander he has negotiated with during the 20 months of the war. Each time the Russians have agreed to negotiate Sunzha on the northern edge with great reluctance, but a truce has been hammered out, only for it to be breached.

This time hopes of a work-

able truce are greater because corridor" for them to leave.

dent Yeltsin's official representative, has thrown his authority behind it. He said on Monday that there was no military solution to the conflict and that negotiations were essential. However, the rebels showed no sign of pulling out of the city, which they have controlled for a week. One rebel spokesman said the Chechens had surrounded the headquarters of the FSB, the former KGB, in Grozny.

The Russian command says that more than 160 of its men have been killed and 500 wounded, but the real figure is probably much higher. The number of civilian casualties is not known, but thousands are trapped in the city without proper food or water. Refugees who have reached Staraya of the city are believed to include 240 wounded and there were attempts yesterday to set up a "humanitarian



Serbs let Nato team inspect key base FROM ANTHONY LOYD

BOSNIAN Serb military au-thorities bowed to Nato pressure yesterday and allowed an inspection of their Han Pijesak headquarters, previ-ously blocked by Serb troops, rather than face punitive

Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Walker. British comground forces, flew by helicop-Bosnia, taking with him the Bosnian Serb President, Biljana Plavsic, to ensure full compliance in the examination of the complex. In doing so, General Walker defused the latest of a succession of challenges to Nato's authority in Bosnia by the Serbs, who under the terms of the Dayton peace accord must acquiesce to the inspection of any military installation by Nato.

We are here to enforce the military annexe of Dayton," General Walker told journalists, "and if there is a requirement to use force to do that, we

He was met at Han Pijesak by the Bosnian Serb Army's deputy commander. General Milan Gvero, and together with his aides and a large media contingent was led on a tour of the base that the Serbs had originally prevented on

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Saturday. Han Pijesak is the headquarters of the Serbs' overall commander, General Ratko Mladic, an indicted war criminal who technically is liable to arrest by Nato troops. However, the Dayton implementation force is reluctant to tangle with General Mladic, a cult hero to Serbs. His removal could fragment his army. making it more difficult to subjugate. The Nato inspection, announced in advance, was exactly what it pertained to be rather than any attempt to capture the general

Bulgaria bewails death of blind seer

By Eve-Ann Prentice

DOYENS of Cold War communism were yesterday mourning a blind, web-fingered fortune-teller reputedly consulted at various times by Leonid Brezhnev, Mikhail Gorbachev and Vladimir Zhirinovsky, as well as decades of Bulgarian leaders. President Zhelev of Bulgar

ia led the sympathisers for Granny Vanga, one of his country's most beloved figures, who died on Sunday. Mr Zhelev, with Zhan Videnov, the Prime Minister, travelled 100 miles from the capital, Sofia, to Rupite to lay the 85-year-old to rest. Tens of thousands of Bulgarians also flocked to the funeral, at the Orthodox church she founded, while much of the rest of the country bewailed the pass-

status bordered on sainthood. Vanga - who used only one name - found fame after going blind during a whirlwind at the age of 12.

ing of the woman whose

"People are very sad, she was highly revered," said Zlatna Kostova, a journalist in Sofia. "She predicted many important international changes, such as the coming to ver of the Communists in 1944. But she also helped many ordinary people with their troubles, such as people who had missing relatives or people who had been kidnapped."

Peasant women wearing black mourning kerchiefs, urban teenagers in blue jeans. businessmen carrying mobile phones. and high-ranking politicians escorted by body-guards humbly lined up to place a flower, kiss an icon of the Virgin Mary and touch Vanga's hand and forehead a sign of apparent belief in her immortal power.

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Death railway stirs pride as Japan marks surrender

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO Burma," says Mr Sugano,

77. "The British prisoners of

war in our camp just wanted

The veterans have re-stored the first locomotive to

run the whole track, number

CS631, rescued from the Thai

jungle and brought back to

the shrine. Mr Sugano's

mission now is to restore the

honour of the regiment, especially of two comrades executed as war criminals

for atrocities against

More than 16,000 Allied prisoners and 100,000 Asian

labourers died clearing the jungle and building the rail-

way, including the notorious

bridge over the River Kwai.

Survivors testified to being

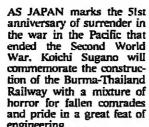
beaten, starved and deprived of proper medical care. But this is not how Mr Sugano. a

former sapper, remembers

"It is true we did not treat

the railway.

to have an easy life."



As in previous years, Mr Sugano, a former lieutenant, and other survivors of the Imperial Army's 9th Railway Regiment will assemble at Yasukuni Shrine in Tokyo, to lay flowers and pray in front of an ancient locomotive that once ran on the infamous line.

But this year the veterans are upset by the behaviour of their former captives. In a lawsuit filed against the Japanese Government, former British prisoners of war are claiming compensation for their treatment at the hands of the Japanese Army.

the prisoners of war in the We have nothing to be camps as our guests," he ashamed of. We put all our youthful energy into our task, which was to build a "Soldiers in railway regiments tended to have rough railway to ensure supplies for our fellow soldiers in edges. I cannot say nobody

rights were not a priority. All we thought about was the efficient construction of the railway."

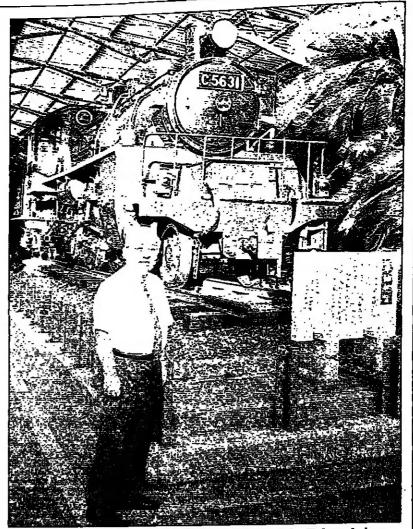
Yasukuni, beside the Imperial Palace moat, where the souls of Japan's war dead are enshrined, houses a museum dedicated to a century of Japanese military exploits. Mr Sugano, who runs a camera shop in Tokyo, is incensed by Japanese lead-

ers who say sorry. "I do not feel sorry," he says. think the reason the PoWs bear a grudge is because we forced them to work. They hated that, And that is why after the war they wanted to put all members of

the railway regiments on

Mr Sugano was accused of maltreating PoWs and im-

prisoned in Rangoon for a year without standing trial. He says he and the 140 surviving members of his regiment expected to turn up on Sunday bear no grudge and will remember the Allied PoWs in their prayers. "They died in a good cause," he says. "You know, the line is still operating."



Mr Sugano with the newly-restored engine at the Tokyo shrine

French bank begs more billions from taxpayer

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE state body co-ordinating the sale of assets from the troubled bank Crédit Lyonnais has asked the Government for more cash to supplement a rescue package that is already one of the most expensive in French history.

The request for an additional Fr7 billion (£900 million) in funding, to offset losses made on the sale of assets, has been sent to Jean Arthuis, the Finance Minister, but the Covernment is not prepared to provide more than Fr3 billion, the newspaper La Tribune Desfossés reported

The demand for further cash to help the embattled bank, which reported massive losses in the early 1990s. comes days after the Government announced it was seeking criminal investigations against former directors of Crédit Lyonnais.

The franc dropped last week to its lowest level since March amid speculation that the investigation could also threaten Jean-Claude Trichet, Governor of the Bank of France, who as director of the Treasury from 1987 to 1993 was responsible for supervising statecontrolled banks.

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Lieutenant Sugano in 1943 with the first locomotive to run the whole track

limit at Fr3 billion

Those targeted may include the bank's former chairman. Jean-Yves Haberer, and economists have speculated that the investigation may be an attempt to find scapegoats for the bank's huge losses.

The Government has called on state funds to aid the bank on two previous occasions and economists estimate that the reckless policies of Credit Lvonnais under M Haberer will leave taxpayers with a bill in excess of Fr100 billion.

Despite calls for fiscal austerity ahead of European Monetary Union, the cost of keeping afloat state-controlled companies, such as Air France and the SNCF rail network, financial scandals involving state-owned companies has compounded voter cynicism. France is living beyond its

means and is not doing what must be done to adapt to a competitive world," two academics - Jean-Marie Chevalier and Marie-Anne Frison-Roche - said in an editorial in Le Monde yesterday. The difficulties of Air France and Crédit Lyonnais, the bottomless pit of social security and the SNCF, and the sad efforts to adapt the state-owned telecommunications company, France-Télecom, are all harbingers of a serious crisis."

Under the Crédit Lyonnais rescue plan outlined last year, the bank transferred assets worth more than Fri35 billion to a state-backed structure with a loan from the bank itself to be paid back at 85 per cent of its money-market rates. Jean Peyrelevade, current Crédit Lyonnais chairman,

has given a warning that the bank may make further losses this year, partly due to the costs of helping to fund its own

Le Monde noted that, in the light of the latest demand for a further injection of state money, "the need to rethink the rescue plan for Credit Lyonnais becomes more ap-

THE French Government yes-

terday insisted that it would

offer no concessions to African

immigrants on the 41st day of

a hunger strike in a Paris

church, despite accusations that its hardline stance was

aimed at wooing voters on the

At dawn on Monday, 300

armed riot police raided St

Bernard Roman Catholic

Church and evicted ten hun-

ger-strikers, mostly Mali men

in their twenties and thirties.

who demand the right to stay

in France. The protesters were

taken to Paris hospitals but

were released when they re-

fused food. They immediately

At least one million immi-

grants without residence

papers are living in France,

and the volatile issue is likely

to play a key role in the 1998

legislative elections. Laws framed in 1993 by Charles

Pasqua, then the Interior Min-

ister, to clamp down on immi-

gration have been followed by

returned to the church fast.

Far Right.

passes. The losses are financed by loans, which themselves generate further losses due to interest payments. In short, a snowball phenomenon ... the authorities are aware that the rescue plan is

unworkable as it stands". The Consortium de Réalisation, the independently managed company set up to hold the Credit Lyonnais assets, is due to sell two-thirds of them by 1998 and there is widespread speculation that the Government is preparing a third restructuring package for the bank, possibly transferring the bail-out costs entirely to a state entity.

With the half-year results

for Credit Lyonnais expected soon, the Government is anxious to show that, while taxpayers must foot the bill, it is actively pursuing those re-sponsible for what Le Point magazine has dubbed "the banking scandal of the century". Between 1992 and 1994 alone Crédit Lyonnais ran up losses of Fr21 billion through aggressive over-expansion dating back to the late 1980s.

Describing itself as the bank with the power to say 'yes'." Crédit Lyonnais did so with such abandon that it has now earned itself a new nickname **Immigrant fast fails**

sures under the Government

Some 15.000 immigrants

have been deported from

France on charter flights since

last year's election, and Jean-

Louis Debré, current Interior

Minister, said last week that

the number of aliens expelled

had risen by 15 per cent this

the hunger-strikers drew vig-

crous protests from opposition

Socialist MPs and human

rights groups yesterday. The

left-wing newspaper Libera-tion described the raid on the

church as a "martial display"

and said that legal action

would be taken against the

Paris chief of police for alleg-

edly infringing the hunger strikers' freedom.

The National Front also

criticised the police raid, de-

scribing it as "proof of weak-

ness, since it shows the

Government is powerless to solve the problem of a few

dozen immigrants who openly

The temporary eviction of

of President Chirac.

to sway Paris policy

Rasmussen: issue can

Danes to test EU status in court

finally be settled

FROM CHARLES FERRO IN COPENHAGEN

ELEVEN Danes will mount a fresh court challenge to test the validity of the country's membership of the European

The Danish Supreme Court has ruled that a case filed by II EU opponents who questioned the constitutionality of the Maastricht treaty can be heard at a lower court.

The case, against Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, the Prime Minister who signed the treaty in 1993, will be heard at Copenhagen's High Court. The plaintiffs contend that he was in breach of Paragraph 20 of the Constitution. This egment of the supreme law of the land deals with sovereignty. The 11 say that Den-mark has relinquished too much power to Brussels.

"If the plaintiffs win the case, then Denmark would no longer be bound by the treaty," Henrik Zahle, an expert on constitutional law, told the Berlingske Tidende newspaper. "We would therefore no longer be members of the

"The Government can look forward to a time when the questions that had been raised in this issue can finally be cleared up." Mr Rasmussen said.

Legal and judicial experts hailed the decision, viewing it as an historical benchmark They believe it will tip the scales of power towards the courts.
"Politics is no longer a

question of gaining a majority. It will now be a question of legislation remaining within the framework of the Constitution," Professor Hjalte Rasmussen, an EU expert from the University of Copenhagen, said.

Until the courts settle the issue, Denmark will be unable to sign any major treaties, including a revision of Maastricht now under way.

Retreat by Mandela in cash row

FROM R.W. JOHNSON IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT MANDELA has finally stepped into the row over allegations by a sacked minister about covert election campaign funding, admitting that the African National Congress had received 2 million rands (£300,000) from Sol Kerzner. the casino and hotel magnate. Bantu Holomisa claimed that this donation was linked to the failure of the courts to

proceed with a bribery case against Mr Kerzner pending since 1989. The sacked minister had also suggested that the tycoon had paid for a 50th birthday party for Thabo Mbeki, the First Deputy President, and given favours to Steve Tshwete, another Cabinet minister.

Originally the ANC and Mr Mbeki had denied all the allegations and branded Mr Holomisa a liar. Bit by bit this front has collapsed. Mr Mbeki has now admitted that his lavish birthday party was paid for by white businessmen. whom Mr Holomisa says were acting as intermediaries for Mr Kerzner. Now Mr Mandela has admitted that Mr Holomisa's most significant allegation was true, on the eve of the former minister facing an ANC disciplinary hearing today, the details of which are being kept secret.

For the first time strong criticism can be heard, even on the state-run radio, of the President's conduct. His declaration that nobody should apologise to Mr Holomisa and that if anyone tried to he would "personally overrule them" has been widely criticised as petulant, authoritarian and prejudging the

disciplinary hearing.

Mr Mandela's insistence that ANC leaders had no knowledge of Mr Kerzner's donations is not being taken too seriously, any more than is

the claim that these donations did not have some effect on the Government's attitude towards Mr Kerzner, Black Consciousness activists point out that Mr Kerzner was one of the chief financial supporters of the apartheid "homelands" system. There has been criticism, too, of the tardiness of the President's intervention and the way the affair has been allowed to blow up into the biggest political crisis the

ANC has faced since coming

Mr Holomisa's original allegation was that Stella Sigcau, the Cabinet minister. had received 50,000 rands of a 2 million rands "bribe" paid by Mr Kerzner to George Matanzima, the ruler of the Transkei. Ms Sigcau has never contested this, and had the ANC not attempted to smother its embarrassment by sacking Mr Holomisa, nothing very much need have followed. Now, however, the standing of Mr Mandela and Mr Mbeki have been gravely damaged

and Mr Holomisa has become

something of a popular hero.

Mandela: conduct being criticised on state radio

Cape vigilante chief held

IN JOHANNESBURG AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

SOUTH African police yester-day arrested a leader of the Muslim vigilante group that has declared a jihad (holy war) against Cape Town's

drug-dealing gangs. Nadthmie Edries, co-ordinator of People Against Gang-sterism and Drugs (Pagad). appeared briefly in court on a charge of sedition. Prosecutors said a charge of murder might be added later. Police called on

two other Pagad leaders to come forward for questioning. One of these. Ali "Phantom" Parker. provoked criticism from the African National Congress after saying that Pagad was considering offers of help from fundamentalist groups, such as Hamas and Hezbollah.

The arrest yesterday comes after Rashaad Staggie, co-leader of the Hard Livings gang, was shot and burnt to death in front of police and television cameras ten days

way to a car park FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID MOORISH archaeological remains from the 10th century

Moorish

ruins give

will be crushed to rubble by bulldozers in Madrid tomorrow to make way for an underground car park and tunnel.

After nearly a year of polemic and paralysis, the project in Madrid's Plaza de Oriente, the brainchild of José Maria Alvarez del Manzano, the city's Mayor, will go ahead in spite of furious resistance from historians. architects, archae-

ologists and local residents. Set for destruction is the base of a Moorish atalaya or watch-tower, calculated by experts from Madrid's Autonomous University to be nearly 1.000 years old. Also doomed are various remnants of a Franciscan convent and a royal counting-house, both

built in the 1580s. The controversial archaeological site was opened to the public for only a week in May. allowing Madrid's citizens hardly any time to assess the remains for themselves. The city council has made little effort so far to explain to the public the significance of the admittedly unphotogenic site. Critics, in fact, have accused the council of failing to make the important distinction between the site's "superficial aesthetic value" and its worth as a "cultural and academic

A leading archaeologist, however, spoke out yesterday against the city council. Manucl Reverte, who directed a study into the significance of the ruins, said: This is an important and evocative site, almost unique in the history of Madrid, intimately linked to the many waves of architectural change that have washed through the city."

Ricardo Aroca, director of Madrid's School of Architecture, said: "The project is proof of the town council's pigheadedness and lack of historical memory. In any civilised country, the hole in the ground for the car park would have been used instead to bury the Mayor."

The conservative paper ABC, on the other hand. highly supportive of the ruling Popular Party to which Madrid's Mayor belongs, backed the plan in an editorial vesterday.

The city council hopes that the car park, which would lie beneath the outer walls of the Royal Palace, will be able to accommodate 25 tourist coaches and nearly 500 cars. Residents in the area are fearful about the additional traffic. and opinion polls conducted have revealed that few Madrilenos are in favour of the council's plans. Questions have also been raised about the security risks of a car park close to the Royal Palace.



increasingly hardline mea-Hunters stalk India's baby-snatching wolfpack

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

EVERY night in villages in northern India all ears are tuned for the sound of a wolf. Men walk the fields with guns, traps are set, people flee indoors

— and a killer wolfpack outwits them, making off so far with 18 infants.

The story has grown bigger in the telling, and entire villages are battening down for fear of a wolfpack made legendary by its exploits. Some mothers say infants were snatched from their laps and dragged into the night; Others describe the far-off howl that signals a child being carried away,

Dr Ram Lakham Singh, head of a 40-man team of wolf-catchers, said rumours spread that the children's killer was a human capable of changing form and jumping 30ft. Several people had been attacked for supposedly being the wolf in disguise. Railway lines, trains and stations had

been damaged in protests.

Fear turned to hysteria with the latest attack last week, the first in 13 weeks, when a two-year-old was mauled while sleeping outside with his mother in the village of Dandwa Majre, near the small town of Pratapgarh in eastern Uttar Pradesh. Most of the attacks have been in the same area. The boy's remains were found near by at dawn; people said the wolves moved like phantoms. Stopping the rumours has proved

all but impossible, despite official pronouncements that the wolf is definitely not human. The hunt for the wolfpack received high-level official backing after the recovery of the half-caten body of a child outside a den near Pratapgarh. Eight children were killed in just one village, Jaunpur. where the wolves last struck about two

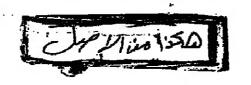
The woives have not fallen for any tricks: they ignored two wolf pups left out in cages; did not respond to the

tape recording of a crying child; and were not tempted by a tethered goat.

The new wolf-catching team, given the bureaucratic title Decentralised Protection Operation. involves armed forest guards, policemen and local people with licensed weapons. They have been divided into two-man groups and every night they patrol the wolves' natural habitat in the ravines of the Sai River.

The return of the wolf is a conservation success story after a ban on killing them. There are, or were, about 100 roaming free in the Pratapgarh area. Now they are being methodically wiped out.





Party edges away from extremist image with a call for compassion and tolerance

Appeal of Powell provides boost to Dole campaign

From Martin Fletcher in san diego

BOB DOLE rejoiced yesterday after his Republican Party, responding to an inspirational speech by Colin Powell. took a giant step towards shedding its extremist image on the opening night of its convention.

'It was a great night. We are off to a great start," declared the Republican presidential nominee, whose fading hopes of winning the White House have been revived over the past few days.

General Powell electrified the convention with a 22minute speech in which he strongly endorsed the Republican philosophy of smaller government and greater individual responsibility, but also railied the party behind a powerful appeal for greater tolerance and compas

The moment of highest drama - one that may enter convention history - came when General Powell reiterated his supposedly heretical support for abortion rights and affirmative action programmes to counter racial

"We are a big enough party and big enough people to disagree on individual issues and still work together for our common goal - restoring the American dream," he began, but before he could finish the sentence the majority of delegates were on their feet and cheering, easily drowning out isolated catcalls.

In that moment the party exorcised the ghost of its disastrous 1992 convention when the likes of Pat Buchanan appalled millions of moderates with calls for a cultural war to re-establish a rigidly conservative white America By responding so enthusiastically to the general's broader themes, the party greatly softened its mean-spirited image acquired since winning control of Congress in 1994.

Probably no one but General Powell. America's most

popular public figure, could have pulled off such a trick, and it largely obscured the earlier adoption of a hardline policy platform.

The night's other riveting scene came after the screening of an emotional film extolling former President Reagan, the Republican demigod who is slowly dying of Alzheimer's disease. As the film ended, Nancy Reagan walked to the podium, a diminutive figure dressed in white, and the hushed crowd erupted. "Just four years ago Ronnie stood before you and spoke at what he said might be his last Republican convention. Sadly his words were too prophetic." Mrs Reagan began before



choking on her own tears.

Since then, she finally continued, "we have learnt, as too many other families have learnt, of the terrible pain that must be endured as each day brings another reminder of this very long goodbye". With openly, Mrs Reagan insisted her husband retained his trademark optimism and

"I can tell you with certainty that he still sees that shining city on the hill, a place of full of hope and promise for us all," she said. Also making appearances

boundless faith in America.

were former Presidents Ford and Bush, who offered ringing endorsements of the Dole-Kemp ticket and stinging attacks on President Clinton. Mr Ford, who modestly likened himself to a Ford carnot a Lincoln when Watergate propelled him into office in 1974, said the White House was now occupied by a "Dodge convertible".

Mr Bush said he had always striven to uphold the dignity of the presidency, adding: "It breaks my heart when the White House is demeaned and the presidency itself

General Powell's appearance was the climax of a meticulously scripted opening night designed to recast the party as one of unity, moderation and diversity.

The general's address, six weeks in preparation, was the polar opposite of the one in 1992 by Mr Buchanan - this time watching silently from the floor. He preached tolerance and inclusion where Mr Buchanan had preached hatred and division.

He insisted the Republicans must always be the party of inclusion. The Hispanic immigrant who became a citizen resterday must be as precious to us as a Mayflower descen-dant. The descendant of a slave or of a struggling miner in Appalachia must be as welcome, and find as much appeal, in our party as any other in America."

For the first time General Powell strongly endorsed Mr Dole, calling him a man of strength, maturity and integrity in "an era of too much salesmanship and too much smooth talking That should give Mr Dole a

further lift in the opinion polls after his acclaimed selection of Jack Kemp as his running-mate, but he still has a long One unintended conse-

quence of General Powell's performance was to remind the country what a formidable presidential candidate he would himself have been, and how uninspiring Mr Dole is by comparison.



6 We are a big enough party and big enough people to disagree on individual issues and still work together ?



6 I can tell you with certainty that [Ronald Reagan still sees the shining city on the hill, a place full of hope and promise for us all ?

Abortion feud rocks an uneasy platform

By TIM HAMES

THERE has been only one issue of any public acrimony at this convention: abortion. It has made up for that by its explosive nature.

Bob Dole's attempt to dilute the party's absolute stand was ambushed by a platform committee composed mostly of his own delegates. Several Governors who support abortion rights lost prime-time speeches. Despite his rapturous reception, Colin. Powell was booed by a small minority for his views. The Republicans have a document that supports a "human life" amendment to the American Constitution that would effectively

ban abortion without exception. Everything about the prominence of this issue is hard for a non-American to comprehend. Policy is determined by Justices of the Supreme Court. despite the obvious reality that the US Constitution is silent on the matter. It has a profile not matched even in

Catholic European countries. This is in large part due to much stronger religious attachment in the United States. Polls show more citizens prefer the biblical theory of creation to evolution. In many Southern school districts it remains a struggle to get

Darwin on to the curriculum. Abortion is the successor to several moral crusades in American history, including the biblically inspired drive to end slavery and outlaw alcohol. It is a party political question. Democrats are even more staunchly pro-abortion, Republicans are against. There will be no abortion opponents at all at the

Clinton convention.
Yet, in practical terms, the Republican platform ranks as one of the most incredible policy stances adopted by any serious party in the Western world. The chances of persuading the constitutionally required two-thirds of quarters of the state legislatures to back it must be about the same as the prospect of Bob Dole having picked a Martian for running-mate.
The best possible hope for anti-

abortion Republicans is that future appointees to the Supreme Court might reverse the landmark Roe versus Wade case of 1973 and return the issue to the states. Even then few states would significantly restrict abortion. A large section of the Religious Right recognises that. They are represented by the Christian Condition and its telegenic director, Ralph Reed. They would keep the broad anti-abortionist text but move away from the implausible detail of a uman life amendment. Instead, their emphasis would be on alternatives to abortion such as adoption and, for

some, greater access to contraception. As part of their push to enter the mainstream, they back the Contract with America, although it contains no

What they got in return were proposals to give a pro-family bias to the tax system and aggressive work ethic in welfare, stiffer punishments for crimes against children, and sympathetic treatment for parents who object to sex education in schools.

Mr Reed would have tolerated the reformulation in wording that Mr Dole wanted on abortion. However, he was outflanked. A significant minority of the Religious Right re-main single-issue absolutists. They largely backed Pat Buchanan for President. When the Christian Coalition inched towards the Dole position, the fundamentalists cried betrayal. Mr Reed retreated, taking Mr Dole

The candidate has been forced into a document he disagrees with. He has tried to soften this by arguing that be is not bound by it. But Bill Clinton's enormous lead over Mr Dole among women proves its importance.

Zoo saves

condemned elephant

Rome: Baby, the elephant due to be destroyed because she had become dangerously aggressive and irritable after being retired from the ring when the circus went animalfree, is expected to be adopted

by Rome Zoo. Franceso Rutelli, the city Mayor, said his daughter, Giulia, six, had seen news of the imminent destruction on television and had rushed to him crying: "She must not die like that!" "I knew at once where my duty lay," he said.

German bid to extradite Priebke

Bonn: Germany has officially sent Italy an extradition request for former SS captain Erich Priebke to stand trial for alleged war crimes during the Second World War, a Bonn Justice Ministry spokesman said yesterday. An Italian military court freed Priebke but found him guilty of involvement in the 1944 massacre of 335 Italians at Rome's Ardeatine Caves. (Reuter)

Israel to resume self-rule talks

Jerusalem: The Israeli Government has decided to resume talks on Palestinian selfrule, ending a two-month freeze on negotiations following the election of Binyamin Netanyahu as Prime Minister (Ross Dunn writes). The decision followed criticism of Mr Netanyahu for allowing the peace process to become deadlocked.

Belgrano sailor found in asylum

Buenos Aires: An Argentine sailor listed as missing and presumed dead after the sinking of the General Belgrano during the Falklands war in 1982 has been found in a mental asylum near here 14 years later, his family said. Oscar Montegrosso, 34, was known at the asylum as "NN" - No Name. (Reuter)

Pages of adulation herald birthday of Cuban leader

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

FIDEL CASTRO, the Cuban leader, quietly celebrated his 70th birthday yesterday at home. Quite where that is few know, as he has a number of official residences at his

Unlike his carefully staged public appearances and lengthy speeches on the important political anniversaries of the 37-year-old Cuban revo-lution, the personal land-marks of Seior Castro's extraordinary life are normally less trumpeted.

The only public celebration

yesterday to mark his birthday was a children's event at Havana's Centre for Pioneers. a club for young Communists. In the past, the birthday of the comandante has been given only brief mention in the state-run media. But as time begins to catch up with the grey-bearded guerrilla legend, Cuba's official media broke

pages with articles of adoration. "His words contain many keys to decipher the human mysteries of the past, the future, the present," wrote Arleen Rodriguez, editor of Juventud Rebelde (Rebellious Youth), which ran an eightpage birthday supplement.

with tradition and filled its

According to his most recent interview — for the American CBS network - old age has made Señor Castro nostalgic. "I think he feels himself mellowing. He definitely

hears the clock ticking," said his interviewer, Dan Rather. Asked about his accomplishments and how he wants the world to remember him.

he says that, like other dreamers before him, he only wanted a more egalitarian society. Among them he compares himself to Jesus Christ. "And look what he went through," he says. "He was wrongly accused, he was vilified, he was slandered, he was crucified."

But when it comes to his political survival and the historic struggle with the United States, he has not lost his killer instinct. In February, when two small civilian planes ap-proached the Cuban coast piloted by Cuban-American exiles, he did not hesitate over the decision to shoot them down, sparking the latest crisis in relations between the two countries. It is in his constant sparring with America that he excels.

Señor Castro grew up a born leader and nationalist, believing that Cuba was a victim of American colonialism and exploitation.

In the CBS interview, he talked about those heady days before taking power. "I asked him was it downhill from there?" said Dan Rather. Senor Castro thought for a minute, smiled and said:

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Calvin and Kelly Klein: "still the best of friends"

Fashion pair to separate

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

THE fashion world's leading couple are to split. Calvin Klein and his wife Kelly, the woman for whom he bought the Duchess of Windsor's jewellery, announced that they are separating after nearly ten years of marriage.

It appears to be an amicable break. "We are still the best of friends," the couple said in a statement from their New York home. We hope to work selves." The news came as a surprise to those who had attended a party thrown by the Kleins at the weekend, where the couple appeared at ease. At their wedding in September 1986 the designer said that his wife, who had been his assistant, was his muse. She called him "the best guy in the

In 1994 a book made lurid claims about Mr Klein's social habits and about his friendship with Perry Ellis, a prominent fashion designer who died of an Aids-related illness.

Crash jet's fourth engine found the plane was brought down off Long Island last month by

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

RECOVERY workers have found the last of TWA Flight 800's four engines and started work on lifting it from the ocean bed.

Bad weather has hampered the effort, but investigators hope that the condition of the engine will allow them to discount the fading theory that

in which 230 people died, sources were again yesterday turning to the likelihood of a bomb. A kitchen area towards the front of the Boeing 747 was reported to have been re-

trieved from the ocean in a

"crushed" state. This gave

bomb may have been cona surface-to-air missile. cealed in one of the food or After days of theorising about the cause of the disaster drinks bays, or on one of the trolleys which commercial airline crew wheel through the cabin. The belief that the jet was

Daily scheduled flights from London Luton to:

sabotaged was given further credibility by the disclosure that rivet heads on the metal skin of the aircraft had popped loose from their seams.

Sanyo chief kidnapped in Mexico

FROM GILES WHITTELL

IN A blow for the image of northern Mexico's booming manufacturing industry, a prominent Japanese executive has been kidnapped and told he will die unless a \$2 million (£1.2 million) ransom is paid.

Mamoru Konno, the head of a Sanyo video plant in Tijuana, was abducted in daylight by armed bandits after a company baseball game last Saturday. After attempting to keep the incident from the media while negotiating with the kidnappers, Sanyo has said it is ready to pay the ransom.

Mr Konno, 56, whose wife lives in Japan, was kidnapped with two young Medican cheerleaders. His where-abouts were still unknown yesterday, although the two Mexican women, a 20-yearold and her 16-year-old sister, were released unharmed on

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Mum's the word in Italian push for names change

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

A LEADING left-wing MP yesterday struck a further blow to the battered Italian male ego by proposing legisla-tion under which children would take their mother's surname.

Giuliano Pisapia, of the hard-left Rifondazione Comunista, who heads the Justice Committee in the Chamber of Deputies, said the change in the law would acknowledge the "inalienable and privileged relationship between a mother and her children".

He also proposed an amendment to the civil code governing marriage ceremonies under which a woman the kind of worship of the Italian berto Bossi (unless, of course, Signor eval absurdity".

automatically takes the sumame of family matriarch known as mamher husband. Signor Pisapia observed that, despite Shakespeare's aphorism about the name of the rose, a name was not just a name but "a fundamental and distinctive sign of an individual person when interacting with institutions and the collective".

The proposal was immediately assailed by men's rights groups themselves a relatively new phenomenon in Italy, and a sign that traditional male domination is under challenge from advancing feminism. A spokesman for the Institute for the Study of Paternity said the Pisapia proposals were an anachronism, a throwback to

mismo. "As a society we have moved to a new sensibility in which equal dignity and importance are accorded to both mother and father," the spokesman said.

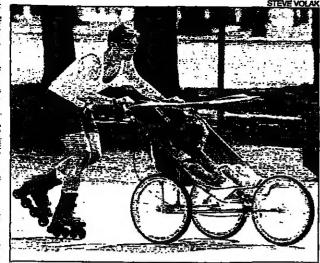
The proposal created a new dinner party game, with participants trying to work out what celebrities might have been called if they had taken their mothers' surnames. Sophia Loren, in her screen persona at least, would have been Sophia Villani, while Silvio Berlusconi, the former Prime Minister and media tycoon, would be Silvio Bossi, sharing the name with the fiery leader of the Northern League, Um-

Bossi also took his mother's name). Giuseppe Garibaldi would have been Giuseppe Raimondi, and Benito Mussolini would have been Benito

Alessandra Mussolini, the granddaughter of II Duce and an MP for the "post-Fascist" Alleanza Nazionale, supported Signor Pisapia. Signora Mussolini has kept her own family name, for obvious political reasons, and insisted yesterday that her oneyear-old daughter, Caterina, would also be a Mussolini.

However, she declared that the law under which children were obliged to take their father's name was a "medi-

It's cool to be a daddy



Tom Cruise with Connor and Isabella in Hyde Park

Sling him into a backpack, wear him round the neck — wherever they may go, fashionable men are taking their babies with them. **Grace Bradberry** reports

man

side

o you thought the ultimate style accessory for men in the late 20th century was a pair of Gucci loafers? Wrong.

It's now cool to be a daddy. Go to any park, open any men's glossy, and there'll be fathers bonding with their off-spring, throwing them in the air, wearing them in fashionable backpacks, or trundling them along in state-of-the-art

buggies. This is the way modern macho This is the man displays his softer side. He bonds, he spends way macho time with his children, he re-establishes his values. And all the while displays he is showing off the evidence of his his softer virility.

Not only that, he's demonstrating something more fundamental —

that he's freed himself from the treadmill of work. Ten years ago, it might have been the thing to work 14 hours a day. Now it's a sign of enslavement. The best way to demonstrate a laisser-faire attitude is to spend more time with the children and less at the office.

But as with everything, it's not just what you do but the way you do it. Wearing Arran sweaters and wheeling Charlie round the park in a frilly oram is no more the thini than it ever was. Ideally, both you and your child should be fashionably attired and

equipped with the latest gear. If your tiny tot is a boy, then so much the better - dress him in miniature versions of your own wardrobe, and reinforce the message that style runs in the family. It's certainly the subliminal message in this picture of Werner, the world's highest-paid male model, with his son, Marlon. 'Hey look," it yells. "Aren't we both cute?" Even the quiffs match, whether by nature or

To aid and abet men in creating this impression, several leading designers have moved into children's wear. Paul Smith has a kids' line. and Ray Kelvin, the man behind the ultra-fashionable

menswear label Ted Baker. has just launched Teddy Boy, for five to 12-year-old boys. Why? "Because I've got two boys." Ben-jamin and Joshua are, as yet, only two and 12 weeks, but Kelvin has begun "styling" the older one. His priority is image. "But my wife has this thing about them wearing the right shoes, so they have to be Start-rite or Clarks. I'm al-

about these trainers?" But it's not just about clothes. "I recently bought a house in the country and I now lock myself away during the week, then spend the whole weekend with my children. I don't even want to travel now. because it takes me away from my kids. People in the Nineties are rebellious. They look back on themselves ten years ago. and say, 'It's not all about work, aggression and moneymaking, and they decide to spend more time with the

ways saying, 'Come on, how

Nick Ashley, son of Laura Ashley, and the designer of cool menswear for the Notting Hill crowd, is another of the stylish men who have discovered fatherhood. When his elder daughter came along, he



The world's highest-paid male model, Werner, and his son, Marlon, reinforce the message that style runs in the family

had a clear idea of how she should look: "I wanted to get white sleep suits and dye them black. My wife said there was no way she would dress her baby girl in black. I suppose that was an attempt at designer babyism from a man's point

But as with Ray Kelvin, it's the time he spends with his children that is Ashley's biggest statement. He has spent most of the summer closeted in Wales with Lily, four, and

"Spending time with your

thing you can do," he says. "It's impossible to say that fatherhood has become fashionable because it's as old as man nimself but fathers these days are taking a more active role."

This willingness for men to get involved in the "early-day motions" (as they used to be euphemistically referred to by

men who preferred paper) is one of the 'I wanted subjects of a new book. Fatherhood to get Its author, Adriwhite enne Burgess, a research fellow at the

sleep suits Institute of Public Policy Research. and dye discovered that men were not only them black' spending more kicking the irresponsible playmate image and actually doing more of the work. Although, as she points out:

"it's now much easier to

change a nappy than it used to be, which means that fathers can get involved without having to learn a particular skill." She also discovered that the changing design of accessories had made men feel more comfortable: "Some told me that at first they'd only held the buggy with one hand. Now some of the pushchairs have a more mechanical, boyish look

Top of the most-wanted list

children is the most important is a British version of the American three-wheeled Baby Jogger used by Tom Cruise. It is made by a small Devon company and is sold in Harrods and

shops.

But however you carry the little dears, there's no doubt that a baby can do wonders for a man's image. In a recent episode of the American sit-

Friends, Chandler and Joey took Ross's baby out in the hope of pulling, while an entire film, Jack and Sarah, was built on the same premise, with Richard E. Grant starring as the newly widowed - and newly attractive father of a baby

I was working at Granada TV when a colleague brought his baby into the office for the day," recalls its writer, Tim Sullivan. "This ordinary bloke suddenly became the centre of attention. The women immediately took the baby away from him, as though he couldn't cope. It was ridiculous, of course. But it gave me the idea to look at how a man who was just as much of a bastard as before might suddenly appear vul-nerable, responsible, different

Sullivan discovered a whole new interest in supermarket first daughter, isabella. "I

from the rest."

used to carry her around the aisles in one of those harnesses that has the baby snuggling against your neck. The reaction I got from women was tremendous." he says.

talking trolley pile-up." However, Sullivan is suspicious of "daddy toys" such as three-wheel buggles: "Running round Hyde Park with the children in tow does not constitute spending quality

One final word of warning: never, ever, dress your baby in a reverse baseball cap.

Beauty news for autumn

Goodbye to the natural look

PROMISES, promises under-eye treatments invariably come with a long list of promises. Sadly, nothing can reverse the effects of ageing. and it's difficult to avoid feeling conned when the lines are still there the morning after the application. So Molton Brown is pushing all the right buttons when it claims that Eye Rescue will offer "more than just a cooling sensation with moisturising

For £15.50 you might hope for a bit more. But the prom-ised "mini-eye-lift" sounds a bit too good even for that money. There are three specific claims: an immediate sensation of cooling and tightening around the eye, a little-by-little fading out of lines as the skin becomes hydrated, and a reduction in puffiness.

PURPLE is the lip colour for autumn, worn against dramatically pale skin. It's the very reverse of make-up au naturel, and will doubtless not be a hit with the opposite sex. Nevertheless, it's one way to get away with wearing tweed without turning into Jean Brodie. Givenchy has introduced a whole range called Prunelle, which sadly sounds rather wrinkly to the English ear. The rule is to accentuate either lips or eyes, never both, so Pourpre Velours lipcolour (£13) should be combined with bland eye colour such as Ottoman (£19). Most of the major companies have brought out plum lip colours.

Choose from Helena Rubinstein Black Purple (El2.50). Christian Dior Rouge Collection lipstick in Plum Invention (£12.50). Prescriptives Plum Satin (EII). or Yves Saint Laurent Rouge 2 in Ultra Mauve (EI4.50).

AT LAST! Oasis, the high street chain, has come up with the perfect cheap chic contact lens kit for £14.99. It's a little silver case barely bigger than a powder compact, but it nevertheless contains two plastic bottles for decanted solutions, the lens case itself, a built-in mirror and a pair of plastic tweezers to avoid contaminating the lens when there's no water to hand.



HOT HITS FOR LATE SUMMER

IT'S August vou are about to go on holiday, and you open your wardrobe to find a sad collection of fading T-shirts, cut-off denim shorts and washedout silk shift dresses. You need to go shopping. but at first glance the rails are full of autumn clothes, with nothing but a few size !4s left over in the sale. What do you

Thankfully, some of the high street stores do have the sense to bring in "bridge" collections, which are much smaller than their full summer or autumn ranges, but have just enough dresses, skirts and shorts to see you through.

Next kept some of its summer collection out sale, and has just brought in some new late summer clothes. Look for capri pants, T-shirts, Tshirt dresses, swimsults and sandals.

Jigsaw started its sale last week (the last of the high street chains to do so). There are plenty of

pieces left from the high summer collection. Look out for silk and linen shift dresses, shortsleeve shirts, a few remaining swimsuits and floral print dresses that came into the store only last

French Connection has a bridge collection including long, sleeveless and short-sleeve dresses and short-sleeve shirts in floral and leaf

The Gap has rib Tshirts, vests and athleticstyle clothes.

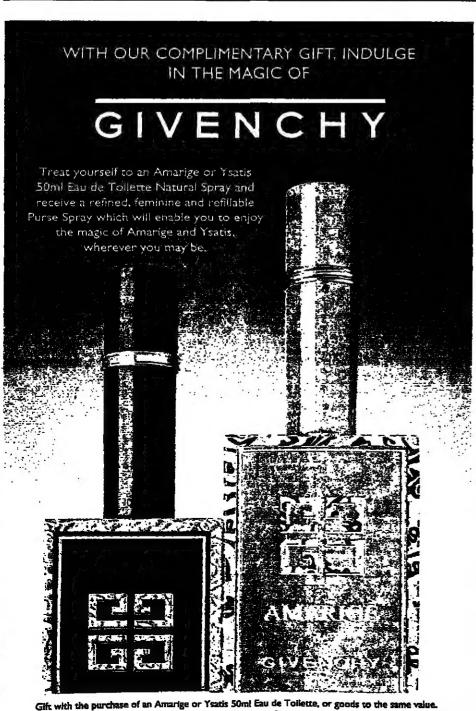
Dorothy Perkins has georgette shift dresses. swimsuits and bikinis. vests and T-shirts.

Marks & Spencer still has some swimwear at full

Bhs has a late summer collection including palazzo pants in white or black, crepe tunic tops and T-shirts. If money is no object, then try Ralph Lauren for cropped tops in the Polo

range or linen shirts from

the classic range.



le from department stores, larger branches of Boots, perfumeries and good chemists, while stocks last.



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The victims of drugs should have our compassion, not condemnation



In some societies drug-taking is an acceptable ritual — but in the West society is threatened by the irresponsible pursuit of altered consciousness

Why addicts need us

n alcoholic," Dylan Thomas once said. is someone you don't like who drinks as much as you do."We feel uncomfortable with addicts, perhaps because we recognise that we all carry the potential for addiction within ourseives. We feel even more threatened by those who take illegal drugs — they have stepped outside the sanctioned

But the distinction between what is acceptable and what is not is blurred. Alcohol is approved, while Ecstasy is grave damage to the health. Yet Ecstasy-stupefied madmen do not smash bottles in each other's faces at closing time. Perhaps we should ask ourselves what the difference is between the friendly owner of the local off-licence and the

demon drugs dealer?
Drug addicts are too often regarded as the dregs of society, who lack strength of mind. While they can hide their addiction, they balance on the tightrope of social acceptability. Once they can

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no longer conceal it.

In a civilised world this is no way to treat those in need of help. Addicts need compassion, not condemnation, if they are to be encouraged to give

The desire for intoxication is deep-rooted. Man's natural craving for liberation from the restrictions of routine is satisfied by experiencing altered states of consciousness. For thousands of years we have pursued altered mental states and other-worldly insights whether through prayer and meditation, inrough sexual ecstasy, or through

The use of drugs can be traced far back into history. Discoveries of poppy capsules in Neolithic burial caves in southern Spain suggest that opium played an important cultural role, most probably as an intoxicant.

Ritualised drug use is an integral factor in certain societies. In tribal New Guinea, for instance, hallucinogenic fungi are part of an initiation ceremony, allowing privileged

South Africa

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Rachel

elders a culturally crucial access to the secrets of a spirit

I attended a drug-taking ceremony in the Amazonian rain forest. It was a rigorously ritualistic affair. Men and women abstained from sexual intercourse for seven days before going out, separately, into the forest to collect plants which, when boiled together, made a potent mixture. Under the influence of this drink, each person felt themselves to be possessed by the spirit of his or her shamanistic animal: an alligator or an anteater, a peccary or a parrot. When I sampled my ladleful I was violently sick for several hours

and little inclined to try again. Modern culture is perhaps the only one in which mindaltering substances are used in an almost exclusively secular way. Tea and tobacco, origi-nally taken only in sacred and ceremonial settings, have been divested of any spiritual significance. Instead we pursue intoxication in an arbitrary and hedonistic way. The development of synthetic derivatives such as heroin and cocaine from opium and coca have led to a threatening new era in drug use.

But simply to prohibit something is not enough. The forbidden fruit has always been the most alluring. To the young, there seems a tempting fearlessness in experimenting with drugs. Boldness, even at the cost of folly, should not in itself be condemned. We send out mountain-rescue teams to rescue hapless amateur climbers.

"Mankind cannot bear too much reality," wrote T.S. Eliot. "I drink not from mere joy in wine, nor to scoff at faith no, only to forget myself for a moment, that only do I want of intoxication, that alone," wrote Omar Khayyam. Many drug drugs without having to ven-

ened sensitivity, unable to ous path ourselves, should make ourselves available for cope with the rawness of life. Surely we should see them as those who have been less lucky. It is only with our people to be helped, rather support that they will have the courage to face the future.

It is our responsibility to

face up boldly to their predica-

ment. "If a way to the better

there be." Thomas Hardy

wrote, "it lies in taking a full

look at the worst."

Scientific evidence is emerging that addiction is not simply a collapse of willpower but a complex condition and over the past few days The Times's series on addicts has suggested that it should be viewed as a nedical disorder.

I have a close triend, Nicho-las, who is an addict. His parents, though wealthy, were both alcoholics. Late into the night, he would hear the cries of their arguments, punctuated by the occasional crash as one of them tripped over a rug. "When I was a child, everyone in my life who should have been vertical was horizontal," he used to say. "I started to drink - heavily."

was sharing a flat with Nicholas when he first took crack. There seemed, admittedly, a certain allure in it at first. I would arrive home from work and find a group of elegant people chattering animatedly in the drawing room. They would still be there when I got up the next day. The routine of my regular job seemed, in comparison, tedious.

It was a long time before I realised that Nicholas was an addict. The parties were long since over. I never suspected that all the eviscerated ballpoint pens, the sheets of tin foil, the bottles of mineral water which I found about the house were part of the addict's paraphernalia. He hid what he was doing from me with a wily cunning. Drugs had turned him into a liar. By the time he eventually did confess it was too late. He wasn't taking crack any more, crack was taking him. His life had become one of pointless isolation. He never worked any

more. He was close to despair. "It is when you are finally on your knees that you realise how much you need some-one," he said. "I don't know what I would have done if you had screamed and shouted." Crack had become more important to him than his family or friends. "I only had two emotions in my life," he said. "I was happy when I had drugs, I was unhappy when I

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Trapped on the desperation treadmill In the week that a multiple pregnancy dominates the news, Meg Henderson tells how she has come to

terms with the fact that she will never be a mother nomewhere in this house is a little transparent plastic container. Inside is a pair of tiny, frilly baby slippers that I bought the first time I was pregnant. But no baby ever wore them, because I never carried one to term. My

reproductive career spanned five pregnancies, all of which ended in the second trimester, after the upposedly safe third month passed, and without realising it I spent nine years on the desperation Looking back, I should

have known better. I rose to the rank of chief cardiac technician in hospitals in this country and abroad, and I knew about the medical professon. To keep their careers going, doctors must produce good results, and they do that by using the only commodity they have, their patients. These days, the way to get a bigger share of the available money is to have a heavy case load and a vocal list of grateful patients is no hindrance, either. If you are an obstetrician, there is no shortage of infertile women out there, driven by the primeval need to have that elusive child. So you get them to step on board the desperation tread-mill, eagerly following your every suggestion, the longed-for baby just out of reach like a carrot dangling I should have known bet-

ter, but I was in that state of complete shock that hits every woman who discovers she cannot have a child. The hunger for a haby gets stronger every time you fall. But it is not just about wanting a baby, it is more complex than that. Bound up in all that desperation are other drives and emotions that are rarely addressed. Discovering that you cannot perform a basic, natural function alters your self-image; you are not like

after every pregnancy ended. There was no time to grieve over the lost baby, or the lost self - and no opportunity because doctors, and surgeons especially, are very bad at dealing with emotions. It is not in range the help their patients really need, whatever counselling it takes to come to terms with their situation. So you end up with an unholy alliance between

desperately vulnerable and the doctors

hose jobs depend on it.

ic histories of stillbirths miscarriages and blocked tubes in the manner of old campaigners. All emotions had been buried; instead, they had been kept on the treadmill by the carrot on

The group encounter was intended to encourage me to keep trying, but it made me see the light. I decided I had no burning need to reproduce: I wanted a family, yes, but I wanted a marriage, a life with my husband. I left without undergoing any more tests. I stepped off the



The Vince sextuplets, born in Leeds in May 1993

to my own hospital for yet another series of tests. I think my colleagues suspected that after nine years I was beginning to think. To stop the rot they made me join a group of women who, like me, had been trying for years to have a live baby.

I hey would go home to their husbands to get pregnant, return to nospital for the duration, then back home to get pregnant again. They had no personal lives, no privacy; their sex lives had been reduced to the basic requirement of sperm meeting that was not known to the medics involved, and they had no relationships with their men; everything normal had been sacrificed to

They discussed their pregnancies in medical terms treadmill. My husband later admitted the only reason he went along with those years of treatment was in case I

hated him if he refused. The consultant almost fell off his chair with shock; I was only 32, he said, far too young to make such a decision, but apparently not too young to spend the foreseeable future losing countless babies. He quoted statistics, the last refuge of a beaten medic. He said I was giving up too soon, nine years was nothing; some women kept trying for 20 years. Yes, exactly.

Careers are built on the low success rates of infertility treatment and on the tragedy of women who cannot have a child but are encouraged to believe that one day, years hence, they might. We do not hear enough about those who sacrifice their marriages, relationships, money and lives to the cause. Or the ones who, like me, come to terms with reality and then get on with their lives.

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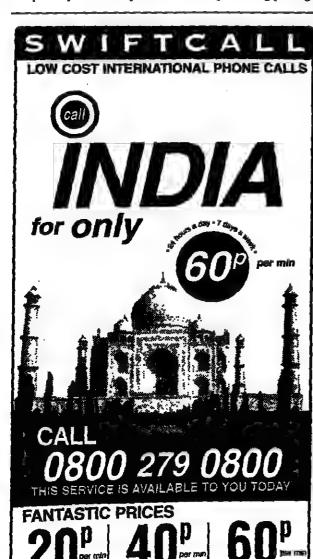
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Lolita is no apologia for paedophiles

This investigation of innocence is

unfilmable, says Lesley Chamberlain

Then cherished books are made into films, the ambiguity embedded in a writer's language is invariably lost. Vladimir Nabokov's style in *Lolita* is such a dense network of allusion and self-reference that it is no wonder the latest attempt to screen the novel has run into trouble. Explaining why no American distributor has yet taken on the \$50 million venture of British director Adrian Lyne (whose previous successes include Fatal Attraction and Indecent Proposal), one Hollywood

executive is quoted as saying:
"Paedophilia is a tough sell."
Paedophilia? My edition of
Lolita prints the views of 50
distinguished critics to counter the cries of depravity that delayed the first English edition until 1959. No doubt the book Nabokov wrote in 1955 is about love. It is depressing, then, to see that 40 years on. Lyne's reading has not only reawakened the old misunderstandings, but that they are made all the more tawdry by their coupling with the language of profit. But perhaps "reading" is not the word. You cannot read an orchestral score by extracting one theme and discard-

ing the rest. Humbert Humbert's wickedness is never in doubt. He is a paedophile who has intercourse with an anaesthetised 12-year-old girl. But there would be no great novel if Humbert did not muster an elabo-

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rate defence. Lolita loosely takes the form of a speech to the jury. In that framework, the tale of Humbert's criminal doings as a lodger in the Haze household unfolds. Nabokov is famous for rapture and his love of wordplay and his juggling with ideas. He enjoys watching cryptic shadows fall

across the light of his overt themes. This tapestry of verbal clues (Nabokov had, incidentally, been the first Russian crossword compiler, and was a strong chess player tool was part of what made this novel so intractable for the cinema, Stanley Kubrick later regretted his attempt in 1962 to film the unfilmable.

Part of what makes Lolita a great love story is her innocence. In what way, asks Humbert in the twisted self-defence that suggests one of the novel's deeper meanings. is a sexually precocious 12-year-old living in 1940s "Freudian" merica innocent? She is a beaun ful, provocative, foul-mouthed "nymphet", who has already had her first sexual experience with another girl at camp. The provisional answer is: because of her complete lack of emotional attunement to what is going on. Lolita shows no feelings Humbert is equipped to notice. She can be bought" with candy and sods pop. She is bored when he makes love to her. Then she falls in love with another man and runs away, and when this man sourns her, she is hurt for the first time - not by sex but by love. The hurt defines the innocence.

When Nabokov emigrated to America from Paris in 1940, he perceived a morally vague society saturated in junk Freudianism. Hence Lolita's surname: Haze. The vagueness perhaps required of the novelist that he invent Humbert's monstrous act to define real innocence. (Compare our own obsession with child abuse as a definite sexual offence, in a world that addicts its children with impunity to violent and explicit media.) Humbert grows naturally in such a world. He feels justified exploiting its blindness. The child therapist in me (a fake as most of them are, but no matter) regurgitated neo-Freudian hash and conjured up a dreaming and exaggerating Dolly in the 'latency' period of girlhood
..." Society itself has almost made of Lolita a legitimate object of desire. Is Humbert's crime a

Humbert refers to himself in the clue of clues as "I, Jean Jacques Humbert . . . " It was Jean Jacques Rousseau who created a concept of innocence which lasted from the late 18th century until perhaps 20 years ago. Rousseau, the father of modern sentiment, considered that human beings were corrupted by society. Progress would mean protecting the natural innocence of children and women, and recognising that women, by their natural virtue, were men's necessary moral guides. The slogan was "Back to nature", and women were conscripted into holding the

No doubt there have been feminist readings of Rousseau that go deeper, but it seems to me in keeping with Nabokov's thinking to suggest that in Rousseau's scheme of things men could enterperfect "natural" world only if women played the complementary role. If man was flesh, woman had to be spirit. If man was reason, woman had to be beauty and goodness. If man was a seasoned adult, woman had to be an innocent child. Nabokov's novel invokes with a vengeance the profound unnaturalness of that tradition. By

implication, it posits a compliant woman-child as the adult man's ideal

sexual partner. Nabokov is a writer possessed by a great moral rage. With Lolita literally a child and Humbert a fastidious Western man of letters. the anti-Rousseauian plot runs its course.

"Dolly" finally marries Schiller, namesake of another historic spokesman for moral purity and the immaculate feminine. She dies, as it were reclaiming her immaculateness, in childbirth. To treat woman as a doll is, he implies, the only way fastidious Western intellectual idealists could deal with her. Nabokov portrays his child-woman as an object to be pleaded with, bought, not quite trusted, and adored with a passion of jealousy and insecurity. Lolita caricatures and eventually irrevocably punishes that attitude, by which a man iro a woman's states mind as of no importance beside his own.

The other aspect of this theme is that the ideal of innocence. by offering a poetic justification of sexuality while failing to understand men and women as real equal natural beings, harmed men too. By perpetuating the gulf between flesh and spirit, it created confusion, deviousness and guilt, and that is another starting point for the creation of the monstrous Humbert, who legitimately claimed a poetic heritage for his worshipful act of rape.

Society's picture and men's expectation of women have changed vastly since 1955. The repression and unnaturalness of which Humbert's crime was both a true and a distorted reflection now have a dated feel. Still, I do not know another artist who writes so beautifully about sex in both its rapture and its morality. Dmitri Nabokov. in a deliberately scant introduction to his father's recently published collected stories - no doubt to ward off the kind of interpretation I have been offering here - makes only one observation that pertains to the whole oeuvre: that Nabokov hated cruelty in all its forms.

The author's most recent book is Volga Volga (1995).

The four-minute wedding will hurry the moment of a lifetime, says Quentin Letts

here is some dispute about this, but the boiled egg generally forms at its best after Spare us McMarriage performs at its best after immersion in hot water for

single breath.

reason why I, Beryl, may not

be joined in marriage to Frank." Later: "I, Beryl, take

you, Frank. to be my wedded husband." The master of

mother. She will scarcely

have time to blow her nose

more than once. The chauf-

feur waiting outside can be

told not to bother parking

five minutes. Less, and you have mess down your tie. The rasher of bacon is at its happiest when grilled for roughly the same duration: two and a half minutes each side for that satisfying sizzle. Five minutes, too, is the timespan that Dublin barmen, who know about life, like to give the cream-swirled jars of stout for settling on their pump tops. Even at the busiest drinking hour in the thirstiest corner of that fine city it is a crime to hurry the pint pourer.

Parliament, however, has decided that five minutes can be too long when it comes to weddings. The Marriage Ceremony (Prescribed Words) Act 1996, which has just been given the Royal Assent, will enable couples to wed in under four minutes. Some purple-veined, cadaverous creature in the clerks' office at the General Register Office has managed to trim the ceremonial down to a mere 30 simply digested words. It does not take Peter

leave Britain "if they could", the

statistic - even allowing for every

reservation one could have about

such findings - registered a powerful dismay.

In such a context it is folly

to imagine that "new" Labour's "stakeholder" or the Liberal Demo-

crats' "self-reliant individual", or,

worse, new Toryism's "customer"

and "consumer" answer to the ideal to which John Citizen in his despair

aspires. I would guess, rather, that

the average man and woman in

this country is haunted by the

shadow of the murdered headmas-

ter Philip Lawrence; by the child-

ghosts of Dunblane; by such

images as that of the frail 96-year-

old found face-down in a Hornsey

gutter, four youths running away

from her, her nose split and her

purse and its small contents taken.

These are the crucified figures of

Politicians may talk till they

drop of lower taxes; of a retreat

from, or a closer union with,

"Europe"; of the need for a Bill of

Rights or reform of the House of

Lords; but it is a general unease

bout our civic condition which. I

feel sure, stands first in public

concerns. Yesterday's refusal by the

Home Affairs Select Committee to

recommend a ban on handguns (on

the ground, principally, of financial

cost) mocks such moral preoccupa-

tion. Vox pop is not, after all,

baying for blood; on the contrary, it

calls justly for guns to be taken out

The good citizen is sick of politics-

as-public-relations, sick in anticipa-

tion of the lies and half-truths

which are about to be fed to him as

the election campaign gets under

way, sick of being addressed in the

language of wider opportunities,

bigger and better stakes and

brighter tomorrows. The citizen

knows that the slogans shortly to be

emptied upon our heads - seeking

our trust, promising us a new dawn

under this or that party, and warning of the peril to all that

we hold dear if the other lot is elec-

ted - are insults to his intelligence.

And if putting the market axe to yet

more of our civic institutions in the

name of Conservatism or dodging

all commitment to restore them in

the name of "new" Labour is our

main political choice, it is no

surprise that so many wish to flee

I fancy that the public is more

focused on ethical than economic

issues, sadder and sorrier about

the country.

our times.

of our hands.

As our religion correspondent reported yesterday, the new wording will be used in the majority of weddings in England and Wales, in register offices, Free and Roman Catholic churches. Couples presenting themselves for marriage will now simply have to say: "I declare that I know of no legal

ceremonies will then thank the crowd for coming "You've been smashing. folks, just lovely" or some such Jimmy Tarbuckish valediction), and that will after dropping off the bride. Confetti manufacturers There will be no need for a box of Scotties Mansize for

the ribbon-decked Austin Princess. When the happy couple reappear, blinking rather, on the steps of the register office, Willoughby will still be sucking the same Morning coat rental by the Murray Mint he unwrapped

face a rise in turnover, and wedding photographers will need their camera motordrives to keep pace with the flow of gawking grooms. The scenes outside



Quentin Letts and his bride: formal yows

register offices may take on the fast-forward quality of old cinema newsreels. For Moss Bros, there is the business option to consider.

For the rest of us, the considerations should be directed to the soul. Why hurry what is meant to be the moment of a lifetime? In an age of demoralising divorce statistics, why cut back even further an already undistinmony? Is the four-minute to borrow fast food terminology - really so grand a

t is 447 years since Thomas Cranmer and Nicholas Ridley turned their hands to the Book of Common Prayer. Its "form of solemnization of Matrimony" (that's five words already) has an elegance of language and wondrous cadence of phrase. It talks of the "dreadful day of judg-ment" and "excellent mastery". There are "wilts". forasmuches" and a decent quota of troth plighting. One might expect some early stuff about "men's carnal lusts and appetites, like brute beasts that have no understanding" to appeal

to modern congregations raised on Denis Wheatley and late issues of Reveille, but those particular words tend to be left out by the few

clergymen still prepared to embrace the old liturgy. As my good, kind vicar ex-plained: "We don't want to frighten the horses."

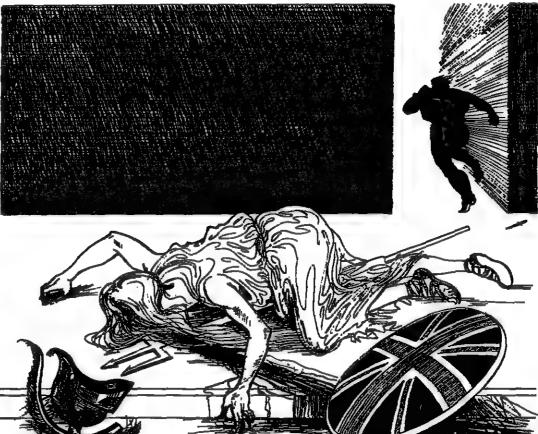
But it isn't the brute beasts of the field who are frightened. It is us — scared of language. of grown-up words and nasty sentences which course beyond the edge of the page, like ships on the high sea which in bygone days fell off the edge of the flat world. The Bishop of Southwark and his cronies on the Churches Main Committee, who piloted the new wedding ceremony through Parliament, have surrendered to linguistic flat

They could have gone further. They could have had the register office supervisor ask the bride: "Well, Beryl. Do you want him?" Bride: "Yeah, all right." Supervisor: Frank? How about you, mate?" Frank: "Whatever you say, pai." It would not have been much worse.

The author will be married on Saturday to Lois Rathbone. They will be using the Book of Common

The demands of our day

s the election draws **David Selbourne** calls for a movement to preserve the nearer, the main parties seem less aware than ever civic order from moral anarchy and political cynicism and of the extent of popular disillusion with the way things are. When Gallup reported in April that 49 per cent of its respondents would



our collective condition than our silly politicians know, and more worried about lost civic identity and our lost sense of national direction than at any time since the Second World War.

Moreover, those who take a close interest in the Westminster scene smell a number of rats in the political wainscot. Thus, there are the born-again Left libertarians many of them former Trotskvites who have chosen constitutional reform as the political banner under which to march through our institutions; and there are the Gingrich-ite privateers on the new Tory Right, who have put our civic patrimony on the auctioneer's block and who are no more "conservative" than my old boots.

Much of this "new" politics is therefore not what it seems, and not what it pretends. Nor should anyone mistake the scale of suppressed public anger at the way the social labric has been torn apart in the last dozen and more years. The fraudulent conversion of our public

utilities - which belong to all the

people - into private assets disgusts millions of us. In headier times and different places, or if our people had been made of sterner stuff, the political architects of these acts would have been not re-elected,

but impeached. Now, given the public depression and sense of impotence to resist what the politicians choose to do to us, the nation turns inwards. Millions will not vote, especially among those eligible for the first time. The underclass, or marginalised poor, are less truly citizens than at any previous period in my lifetime. The intelligentsia, for the most part, withholds its sympathy from the political parties, and is even less enamoured of new Labour than of the old.

Nevertheless, it is also true that as the pace of dissolution has guickened and more of our institutions have been sold, the slogans of "social cohesion" and "community" - and even calls for a balancing of "responsibilities" and "rights" have broken the surface of public debate. For a while, on the Left, the red herring of "communitarianism", which is more of an American folk movement than a serious political creed, was dragged across new Labour's trail. Since then, "stakes", which are rights under another name, have had a run. But it is merely another mercenary

concept, derived from the market. The "stakeholder" is not truly a citizen, not a civic person, for he (or she) will do certain desirable things if, and only if, you "give him a stake". But as citizens we already have a stake. It is called citizenship. even if some of us choose not to know it, to devalue it or to neglect its duties. The men and women who defended us in 1940 did not belong to regiments of stakeholders, for they were not mercenaries.

but citizens. From the Right, meanwhile, we have been told that the citizen may rest easy (or supine) in his bed as the civic order is sold off, or starved of funds, around him. There is no need to worry about the Post Office, the railway system. Army housing. the 999 emergency service, the water supply, the BBC's transmit-ters. Civil Service recruitment. nuclear power and all the rest of it - and how much there is that has gone irrecoverably down the privatising pipe — for they will be better run, and we will be better served, if they are all dispersed from the public domain.

A bogus argument was briefly heard that it was actually in the civic interest for public institutions to be dissolved. Today, the argument is heard no more. No wonder: it was false, and often disbelieved even by those who advanced it. But the fire-sales go on, and will go on until the electorate stops them with

ood citizens, who are ready to serve others. have a deep social conscience, concern for the future, anxiety for children and care for the environment, who struggle to maintain their sense of moral direction, are under great pressure. They were once tolerant of many things but are now increasingly worried. Their fears are not eased by the absurd message from the Left (and some-times from the Right, too) that what we need is a more generous liberty. greater and more secure "rights". and fewer impediments to our freedom of action. For this society, however corrupted, is probably the

The preatest threat to our liberties lies not in the supposed denial or disappearance of our rights - a mere fantasy - but in our failure to fulfil our civic and social duties to ourselves and to others. Yet as the civic order comes under greater stress, ideas directed to the rediscovery and strengthening of our common ties are making their own advance. Civic battles have increasingly been joined, with ethical issues always near their heart, in matters of welfare entitlement. educational standards, family law, public order, penal reform, bioethics, environmental protection

and the abasement of the media. Nothing is being left unchanged by this moral turmoil, in which the wellbeing of all citizens, present and future, is the principal issue. Although none of the main political parties is a truly civic party, the hour of civic thought has come. The best way to greet the mil-lennium will be by means of a powerful social and ethical movement, cross-faith and cross-party, armed with principles and policies directed to preserving the civic order. For the bond which holds us together must be protected from further dissolution.

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Black Mark?

MENTION the name Dene Smuts near Mark Thatcher these days and you are likely to get a growl, followed by a snarl, with perhaps a baring of teeth. Smuts, a Democratic Party MP in South Africa with a liberal conscience, has a problem with the granting of permanent residence status to Thatcher, who made a fortune acting as the intermediary in arms



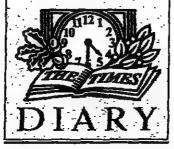
Thatcher: desiracie or not?

deals. She is refusing to let the

matter drop. Ranged against her are the forces of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party, and the South African Home Affairs Minister. Buthelezi has defended Thatcher, saying allegations about the arms deals had been noted by the Government before the request for permanent residence was processed.

Nevertheless, Smuts has been granted permission to study Thatcher's case file on a confidential basis at the Department of Home Affairs. There she will find that Thatcher, having complied with the criteria for a permit, was "of good character" and would be a desirable inhabitant of South Africa. Smuts resolutely disagrees.

Sebastian Coe may have the most slender of majorities in his Cornwall constituency of Falmouth and Camborne, but somebody there loves him. His post is regularly forwarded from the constituency office to the House of Commons, and someone had



scrawled on the latest batch: "We could have done with you in the Olympics, mate.

Overlooking

NUDISTS on a beach in Massachusetts have been driven off their patch by the arrival of Vice-President Al Gore on holiday. Gore is staying with journalist friends in a house overlooking Ballston Beach near Truro, Mass. His visit sparked state officials into enforcing their no nudity rule against the harmless naked folk who for years

had basked undisturbed. The president of the naturist society, Lee Baxendall, has weighed in: We urge Al to go down to the dune, strip off and enjoy the experi-

ence that ought to be available to all bathers. It would loosen him up." We beg Baxendall not to extend the invitation to Labour's deputy leader, John Prescott, as he scours Britain's beaches for supporters.

The vulgar Donald Trump has risen above Baroness Thatcher in the speechmaking stakes. He has insisted that business conference organisers who want him to make a speech next year in Australia increase his rate from \$80,000 to \$100.000. This would gazump Lady Thatcher, who can earn up to \$100,000 for an hour's speech on the circuit — for Trump is to speak for just 45 minutes.

Telly nelly

NOTHING is too much for those reporters at the News of the World currently protecting Mandy All-wood and her eight unborn babies at a "safe house" in the Home Counties. The house appalled Mandy when she first saw it, on account of its poor facilities.

"There's no telly," she cried. "I'm not staying here." In panic, one of the reporters phoned the office for permission to buy one. She is now happily ensconsed at her hideaway, watching herself on every news programme.

Enoch eros

MEMORIES of Enoch Powell's sideline as an erotic poet will be revived by Rob Shepherd's unauthorised biography of the great humanist, politician and scholar due out this autumn.

Powell's Catullan instincts were evidenced in his two early books of poems, which, I understand, Shep-



I did not speak, but when I saw you turn I did not speak, out which And cross your right leg on your left, and fold Your hands around your knee, I felt a Of white hot lave seeming up the old

 Guns remain firmly off the menu at Hamley's toy shop in Regent Street, London. Despite the deci-sion of the Home Affairs Select Committee not to ban handguns. the toy shop is standing firm by its post-Dunblane decision to pull toy guns off their shelves. We had a very good response from our customers," says the store, "and we have not put guns back on the shelves since."

Tsk, tsk

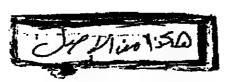
WITH the impending release of Bernardo Bertolucci's sex and siesta film Stealing Beauty, the Labour leadership is playing out its own Chiantishire drama. Stealing Tony is a story of intense male rivalry for the affections of the sweet, affecting Leader of the Opposition. Holed up in a Tuscan palazzo near San Gimignano, he is the guest of the suave Geoffrey Robinson, Labour MP for Coventry North West.

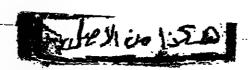
Gazing weasel-eyed from Lon-



Liv Tyler in Stealing Beauty don is Peter Mandelson, cursing having had to go on his Tuscan

idyll earlier this year. John Mortimer drops in with stories and apho-risms. But I'm rold the newest arrival is Blair's puppyish press officer Tim Allen, who loves his leader so much that he has bought his own little villa in the Tuscan hills.







OFF TARGET

Tory MPs who oppose gun control are out of touch

Legislating in haste is rarely wise. But loading weapons at a tournament, rather sometimes one event, however singular, draws to public attention the pressing need for reform. Dunblane was such an event. Weapon ownership laws are ill-equipped to cope with the growth of an ugly culture which celebrates the gun as a talisman of asculinity for the morbid and inadequate. There has been a worrying increase in the number of powerful weapons, legally held, in unsuitable hands. The Tory members of the Home Affairs Select Committee may have tried not to be swayed by the emotion that Durblane engendered. Instead they have beer influenced by weak arguments from a poverful lobby.

The select committee report is the work of a bare, and wholly Tory, majority of its members Six Conservatives have published the case against a ban on handguns. The five Labour hembers dissented, showing not only a keiner feel for public sentiment but a

better grap of the arguments.

The denothing defence mounted by the Conservaives is woeful. The six MPs argue that sinc the majority of firearms used in crime are illegally held, then banning guns reductions better than nothing, particularly when a trime as horrific as Dunblane constitute only one of many committed with legal fires ms. If crimes could be prevented by takingguns out of circulation, and they

could, the legislators have a duty to act. So relucant are the six Tory authors to act that they clutch at the flimsiest of straws flung by the gun lobby. The MPs argue that banning landguns would cause difficulties for startes at races. They oppose storing handgunsin clubs because officials might be put out byhaving to be available to open up premises it short notice. Central storage of ammunitin was opposed because the British Shoting Sports Council feared that

than at home, might impair performance.

Can these MPs really think that the chance, no more, of minor inconvenience to sportsmen should come before protecting citizens? Almost as incredible as their arguments for inertia are their suggestions for action. These include the requirement for a doctor to countersign any application for a gun licence. Doctors cannot judge authoritatively on the fitness of any individual to own a gun and should not have to bear the guilt if they make a mistake on a matter so subjective. Why should doctors accept such an onerous responsibility when MPs are

unwilling to face up to their own to legislate? The MPs' almost wilfully weak position is further undermined by their assertion that a handgun ban would mean £140 million paid in compensation to gun owners and millions more lost by the gun trade. The appeal to the wallet on an issue that has engaged the public's heart is crass. It re-inforces the unhappy impression that Conservatives reduce every moral question to a matter of cash. These MPs are happy to support Michael Howard's increased expenditure on the police and prisons to protect the public. They should extend the same logic to restricting ownership of handguns.

There is a strong case for an outright ban on weapons designed, not for sport or game, but to kill human beings. The proposals from the Association of Chief Police Officers, which would ban all but sporting guns and those below .22 calibre, should be considered along with moves to keep guns and ammunition in secure clubs. The Government has said that it will await Lord Cullen's inquiry but will not shirk from legislating quickly if required. Lord Cullen's report may make a good case for minimal change. It could hardly make a worse one than that of the select committee.

BOX IN THE MANGER

BT hows contempt for the heritage — and for competition

the 1985 when BT decided to remove the much-lovel red telephone boxes designed by Sir Giles Filbert Scott from the streets of Britain, the pointless destruction of one of the nations modest architectural treasures has stood a a small but potent symbol of the abuse of monopoly power. This week, however, he BT corporate barons havemanaged a outdo their own record. Tomorrow in the High Court BT will demand a permanen injunction against a small entreprendirial company called New World Payphone which is planning to install 5,000 new payplones across Britain - and to put many of tiese phones in refurbished Scott boxes acquired from the architecture salvage yards to which they were so willingly consigned by BT. BT wants to prevent New World andother potential competitors from returning the popular Scott boxes to the streets: the Scott design, it claims, "is associated with BT in the public mind". The company ontends that customers who saw these boles would assume they were operated by BT. People would be deceived into thinking they were buying a BT service and Nw World would benefit unfairly Tom the podwill which BT enjoyed.

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As Lord St John of Fawsley, chairman of the Roya Fine Art Commission, argued yesterdayin a letter to The Times, it is hard to imagin a clearer example of "dog-in-themanger". For II years people have called for a return of the Scott boxes, a desire that BT has done is best to thwart. The survival of the remaining traditional boxes is due largely to liamning orders imposed by local councils, deen in the teeth of BT opposition. The High Court should surely agree with

Lord St John that BT has no "moral claim whatsoever on the Scott design", regardless of the technical niceties of trademark law which it hopes to exploit tomorrow.

But even focusing on the legal and economic issues, BT's case deserves short shrift. Customers would be able to distinguish perfectly easily between BTs payphones and those of competitors - not only because the operators' names would be clearly printed but also because New World proposes to paint its boxes green, rather than red. This is a questionable aesthetic judgment, but it does have the legal virtue of completely undercutting the logic of BT's

There is, however, a more important economic issue which the court should consider. The main reason why New World wants to use the traditional boxes is that planning regulations in many of the conservation areas where it wants to operate would prohibit the installation of any other type of box. Thus if the court were to uphold BI's argument it would effectively be outlawing any competition to BT in many conservation areas - exactly the sort of city centre locations where public telephones are likely to be most profitable. Beneath BT's insensitivity to aesthetics lurks a monopolistic intent.

If the High Court were to rule in BT's favour tomorrow it would effectively be forcing councils to choose between competition and the architectural quality of the public realm. At a time when both are in short supply, the law would bring both itself and BT into further disrepute if it imposed such a Hobson's choice on the public.

CANDLES OF CUBA

Castro is a lonely celebrant on his birthday

with mockmodesty that he wanted no special celebratons or anything that smacked of the cult of personality. For once, the old Cuban autorat's commands have been ignored. Tobe close to Fidel, while it may be only once n one's life, certainly gives one a pecial strength to overcome everything," the editor cone paper declared. "His words contain many keys to decipher the human mysteries if the past, the future, the present," she sided in a paean that would sit comfortably with the tributes once paid to such as Ever Hoxha, Nicolae Ceausescu

Fidel-Casto turned 70 yesterday, declaring

and Kim I Sung. The olddictator, his beard now flecked with grey, his speeches shorter, his cigars a mere glowin the revolutionary memory, is an unlikely survivor. He himself did not expect, he says, to reach the limit of man's allotted spin. Given the conditions to which he has reduced his country, that is an expectation for few of his fellow Cubans. Conditionson the island are as grim as ever. The economy is weak. The tentative tolerance of possition has ended. The leaky boats have again set sail for the promised freedoms of Florida, their human cargoes

often drowning on the voyage. It is almost 40 years since the then romantic revolutionary swept down from the hills to clease the island of Batista and his playboys. The Guevara, attempting a similar mission in Bolivia, achieved a mythic martyrdom: but his erstwhile companion-inarms never captured the imagination of Europe's deluded student Left, Señor Castro may have cast himself as the plucky David

facing the vengeful American Goliath; to most idealists, however, he seemed more like the Latin poodle, house-trained by Brezhnev's arthritic Soviet Union.

Autocrats and tyrants are often particularly sentimental about their birthdays. The cult of personality, taken to extremes by Hitler, Stalin and Mao, meant that their birthdays had, necessarily, to be marked by popular rejoicing. The public exhortations to be merry were the best measure of the unpopularity and artificiality of such cults.

Nowadays the world's remaining dictators exercise a measure of restraint, aware, perhaps, from historic example of how hubris invites disaster. Little restraint surrounds the cult of Saddam Hussein. But the extravagent claims made for Kim Il Sung have not been repeated of his son: an indication also that he does not yet have the levers of power in his hands. Colonel Gaddafi hides his age with a desert modesty: it does not do for a young firebrand to be

On the global scale of autocracy Señor Castro does not reach quite as high. He ranks somewhere in the cluster with President Assad of Syria and General Abacha of Nigeria. He has spent half his life in power, and insisted yesterday that though he was not immortal, his revolution would outlive him. Few observers agree. An indication of popular discontent was the fulsome Cuban claim that millions of friends around the world were celebrating Señor Castro's birthday as their own. Most of the candles have already been blown out by the 70-year-old dictator himself.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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to 'beat-a-cheat'

From Mr David Wedgwood Benn

Sir, A few days ago I rang the new "beat-a-cheat" hotline (letters, August 10) to find out whether one could report a benefit fraud without giving one's name. I was assured that complaints could be entirely anonymous.

This raises a basic point of principle. There is an important difference between a confidential complaint (such as policemen and journalists often receive) and a totally anonymous complaint - where a malicious accusation can be made with total impunity. Innocent people can be severely harmed: even if not prosecuted, their names can easily get onto one of the ever-proliferating computer records.

The use of anonymous informers is nothing new. It was a notorious feature of the old Soviet system; and was not used only against political dissent. In the early 1980s, the authorities in certain Soviet cities went so far as to distribute postcards which informers could send, unsigned, to the police denouncing their neighbours for living dishonestly.

Anonymous informers failed to stem Soviet corruption. But they didmuch to discredit the Soviet regime partly because of the scope offered to citizens for settling personal scores. Eventually, however, this distasteful tradition was ended. It was laid down, under a decree of February 2, 1988. that unsigned complaints would no longer be examined. The officially stated reason was that "anonymous slanders" were incompatible with open and free discussion".

Comparisons are never exact. But the new "beat-a-cheat" hotline is unpleasantly similar to what has just been described. Even if it wins votes, it's most unlikely to win respect.

Yours truly, DAVID WEDGWOOD BENN, St Andrew's House, 113 Mycenae Road, SE3. August 11.

From Mr Paul Ashton

Sir, The setting up of a separate fraud line for the reporting of employers who pay very low wages to workers whom they encourage to continue signing on for the dole is welcome.

However, there are likely to be even more of these employers if a national minimum wage were to be introduced, following a Labour win at the next election. There will be a greater temptation for small employers to resort to this kind of collusive fraud as an alternative to paying uneconomic rates for marginally productive workers. The more honest will simply fold.

Which throws up another possibility: some of the expected savings in dole payments from the exposure of these fraudsters may be illusory. If a black-economy worker is caught drawing dole money while working for E1-E2 an hour, he is unlikely to continue in that job at that rate. And his employer is unlikely to be able to pay him the national minimum wage of £4 or so. The worker will, then, continue to be unemployed. Where is the saving there?

Yours faithfully. PAUL ASHTON, 37 Benbow Avenue, Languey Point, Eastbourne, East Sussex. August 10.

From Mr Christopher Morgan

Sir, To monitor and enforce the standards of conduct now to be expected from our MPs, I suggest the setting up of a public standards hotline. Everyone would be encouraged, by

a vigorous national advertising campaign, to report any suspected cheating on benefits, expenses, spouses and mistresses.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER MORGAN, 13 Laurel Road, SW13. August 10.

Labour and tax

From Ms Clare Short, MP for Birmingham, Ladywood, (Labour)

Sir. Mr Portillo's article today. "The eyes have it - not the lips", contains an example of the way in which lies become common currency. Some months ago I said that people like me should pay a bit more tax. I have no dependents, my mortgage was paid off when my husband died and I have income on top of my MP's salary.

Mr Portillo states that I favour higher taxes for those on £30,000 per year. This is a lie.

Yours faithfully. CLARE SHORT, House of Commons. August 13.

Life on Mars

From Mr K. S. Nash

Sir. You suggest fleading article, August 8; see also letters, August 9) that once the idea of a benevolent Creator is abandoned" conclusions that mankind is not alone in the Universe are mathematically inevitable.

But why on earth should I lose faith in God because we have just another indication that the story in Genesis is fiction, a view many of us have accepted for a long while? We still see God as the only way by which life could have got going, whether here or elsewhere. Yours sincerely.

K. S. NASH, 10 Croad Court, 6a High Street, Fareham, Hampshire. August 9.

What it will mean Reflections on Roman times and what they mean today

From Professor Emerita Rebecca V. Colman

Sir, The Roman conquest may have been "a Good Thing" (leading article, August 5), but isn't it time we stopped denigrating our English forebears ("Anglo-Saxon pirate hordes") who also conquered Britain? This was no mean feat, given the Roman system of fortress towns connected by good

Roman roads that confronted them. Times are changing: "British" is no longer synonymous with "English": and to keep the record clear, it was an Englishman, A. H. Barker, who rediscovered in the early years of this century the hypocaust principle of Roman central heating.

Yours faithfully, REBECCA V. COLMAN. University of Toronto, Department of History,

From Dr M. C. Bishop

Sir. Your report of the recent discovery of a new Roman fort in Norfolk (August 7) described it as having de-fences which included "three deep ditches and a timber palisade". The superb aerial photograph clearly shows that a more likely interpretation would be a single defensive ditch with double internal palisade trenches, typical of so-called box ramparts (once thought rare in 1st-century AD Britbut increasingly commonly found).

Genuine triple-ditched military sites of such an early date are conspic-

uous by their rarity.

The assertion that "Roman spears were designed to break on landing" is an over-simplification, probably arising from the (often repeated) misinterpretation of the function of the legionary pilum. This was designed to penetrate shield and armour and the long iron shank frequently bent after (but not upon) impact, due to the weight of the wooden shaft. All other Roman spears were much more robust.

Yours faithfully, M. C. BISHOP, Braemar, Kirkgate, Chirnside, Duns, Berwickshire. August 8.

From Mr Pete Garnett

Sir. Alan Hamilton ('Unruly Tykes stretched 9th Legion to the limit", report, August 7) states that Yorkshire was fine when it was run by a woman.

Cartimandua was queen of the Brigantes in a Celtic society where women had rights of opinon, inheritance etc., and could be warriors and

The Roman invader gave no rights to women. Despite this, she dealt with

them willingly.
I think that Hamilton makes the common mistake of equating civilisation with technical development and comfort. The Celts were relatively ci-vilised. The Romans set back human rights - and particularly women's rights - by a thousand years, with more than a little help from Cartiman-

No wonder Yorkshire Cricket Club is suspicious of women in power.

Sincerely, T. P. GARNETT (Tyke in exile), 31 Bewdley Street, Evesham, Worcestershire.

From Mr J. P. Upstone

certain than it now is?

Sir, Your article on Verulamium (August 6) says that: "Among the first to dismantle the fortifications were the builders of the cathedral, who were short of material."

The Norman abbey at St Albans was not started until 1077 (admittedly using the remaining rubble of astonishingly durable Roman brick and tile, also flint, at Verulamium), some 660 years at least after the Romans had left. Ample time, I would have thought, for the ruins to have been thoroughly plundered by all and sun-dry in the interim.

If it had not been for the custodianship of the Benedictines from Anglo-Saxon times onwards there might well have been even less left than is apparent today.

Yours truly, JOHN UPSTONE, 5 Hall Place Gardens, St Albans, Hertfordshire. August 6.

From Mrs Maria Bareniène

Sir. Emma Wilkins ("Merciless fury of a queen scorned", August 6) writes that the word bould in Celtic, from which the name Boudicca derives. means "victory". In my Lithuanian language bauda (feminine) means the punishment. Baudike (feminine) and baudikas (masculine) mean "punisheress" and "punisher". Boud-

icca punished the Roman invaders. The Lithuanian word seems nearer to her action than the Celtic word, but the result would surely have made her people feel victorious, so that Boudicca became synonymous with Victoria.

Yours sincerely, MARIA BARENIENE, 3) Drayton Road, W13.

From Mr Stanley D. McDonald Sir, The Roman arch at Lincoln (pho-

tograph, August 3) "still stands", as the caption puts it, by virtue of having been rebuilt from numbered pieces. It was seriously damaged by a lorry full of fish fingers from Grimsby in July 1963 and had to be taken down.

Yours sincerely, STANLEY D. McDONALD, 68 Sandown Lodge, Avenue Road, Epsom, Surrey. August 3.

Woolf proposals for speeding justice

From Mr T. M. Halliwell

Sir, Professor Zander is wise to question the feasibility of Lord Woolf's proposals for streamlining the civil jus-tice system ("Woolf report in sheep's clothing", Law, August 6). As he indi-cates, the real issue is who pays for civil justice — society, lingants, prac-tising lawyers, or a combination of all Imposing artificially brief time lim-

its or artificially low cost limits on so-Bar, implies that the legal profession charges too much for what it does and must do more for less. We live in a high-wage economy: properly prepared litigation cannot be rushed. The proposed reforms broadly in-

tend to shift the disparity between the real costs of a case and the notional costs dictated by the court on to solicitors, most of whose margins, in the case of high street practitioners, are pretty thin already. The result will be that an aiready straitened profession will be unable to fund the new system. Where, anyway, will conditional-ice cases stand when the costs position becomes even less attractive and un-

The equation is one of cost benefit. At what level of case-value is it worth paying for a lawyer? We speak of costs of £2,000 to £3,000, as though that is an enormous amount. Yet it cannot finance the 30-to-40 hours work by several people in an average solicitor's firm that an even moderately complex civil case requires. It does not finance

a single judge's salary for two weeks. There is a simple and cost-effective solution: lift the arbitration threshold to £25,000. Parties can then emp solicitor, if they so wish, at their own expense and judge the cost-benefit equation themselves. There are many senior members of

my profession who would be happy and well able to conduct arbitrations as deputy district judges. This would give a flexible response to case demand, without the need for, or cost of, permanent appointments.

Yours faithfully. T. M. HALLIWELL T. M. Halliwell (solicitors). 10 Corn Square, Leominster, Herefordshire. August 6.

Value of juries

From Mr Kiron Reid

Sir. The acquittal of three woman charged with criminal damage to a Hawk jet (report, July 31; letters, August 6) reveals all that is best about the British jury system - the ability of a jury to reach a perverse verdict. The system may sometimes appear anachronistic, but this example has shown the jury's broader role in achieving justice.

Disarming" the jet, even if it had been by dismantling parts of it, is still damage:

a machine may be damaged by removing some integral part, or by tampering with some part so that it will not work although no part is removed or broken (Smith & Hogan, Criminal Law, 13th ed. p 684).

Furthermore, the argument that the

Saving Royal Yacht

From Sir Philip Goodhart

Sir, I share your enthusiasm for the Cadland project's proposal for a hightech traditional and modern replacement for the Royal Yacht Britannia (leading article, August 3). As the present chairman of the strategy committee of Flagship Portsmouth, the body that looks after the historic dockyard at Portsmouth, I also support your argument that "the old Britannia should clearly be berthed at Ports-

I fear that you may be over-optimistic, however, when you go on to suggest that "the income from the old yacht could help to support the new one". A survey carried out for Flagship Portsmouth suggested that the old Britannia could pay her own way as a tourist attraction and conference centre but that at least £8 million would be needed for conversion costs and site preparation. The highest maintenance standards would have to be adhered to which would be so ex-

protesters were using reasonable force in the prevention of crime (in Indonesia) is tenuous, despite what Mr John Tracy Kelly's letter maintains.

This jury has joined the ranks of those prepared to use a verdict as a tool of common sense in defiance of oppressive or unjust authorities (in this case a government that is happy to sell lethal weapons to a regime committing atrocities).

It is precisely because of their ability occasionally to deliver perverse verdicts that juries should be retained for the 21st century.

Yours faithfully. KIRON REID, University of Liverpool, Faculty of Law. Liverpool L69 3BX. August 9.

mouth or Greenwich".

pensive as to limit possible profit.

This does not mean that the idea of preserving the old Britannia at Portsmouth or Greenwich should be rejected. Apart from her unique connection with the Royal Family, HMY Britannia is a ship of exceptional beauty and this country has not preserved a single

passenger-carrying ocean-going ship that was built in the 20th century.

Recently there was much dismay because it was feared that £8 million could not be raised from public and private sources to stop Canova's statue, The Three Graces, from being exported. I expect many people will share my view that the old Britannia is a more important part of this country's history and heritage than Canova's statue.

Yours faithfully, PHILIP GOODHART. Warrior Preservation Trust, Victory Gate, HM Naval Base, Portsmouth, Hampshire. August 5.

From Dr John Perfect Sir. Would it be possible for public paid visits to be made to the Royal Yacht Britannia to preserve a beautiful and great achievement of this century? I feel it would be a distinguished asset for the future history of Great Britain.

Yours sincerely JOHN PERFÉCT, Clipper Cottage, Point Green, Devoran, nr Truto, Cornwall. August 12.

> Letters for publication may be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

Olympic gold

From Mr Michael Ward

Sir, I suggest that a gold medal should have been awarded at this year's Olympics to India, 68th in the medals league (report, Sport, August 5), for giving precedence to national needs

over nationalism. Even the most cursory analysis of the medals tally underlines the close correlation between athletic success and state and commercial sponsorship. Since state sponsorship is becoming increasingly constrained in poor countries by budgetary considerations and commercial sponsorship is dependent on high levels of consumerism, it is apparent that low-income countries such as India will face increasing problems both in fielding athletes capable of the required standards and in supporting their partici-

Future Olympics will inevitably become less and less international - the very antithesis of the vision of Baron de Coubertin.

Sincerely. MICHAEL WARD. 520 N St SW, Washington DC 20024. August 9.

Atlas of dialects

From Mr Philip Tilling

Sir, All the examples cited in your entertaining report of August 6, "Nowt so queet as the words some folk use", together with the basic data for the accompanying map, may be found in the regional volumes of the Survey of English Dialects, established in 1946 by Professor Harold Orton of the University of Leeds and Professor Eugen Dieth of Zurich and published beA SECTION OF SECTION O

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tween 1962 and 1971. After the death of Professor Dieth in 1956, Orton (with a team of assistants) continued the collection of dialect materials, which he then edited for publication for the benefit of later scholars. It had always been his intention to publish all his dialect materials in atlas form and two selective atlases were, in fact, published under his supervision.

As one who worked with Orton for eight years, I feel certain that he would welcome with enthusiasm the new Atlas of English Dialects, compiled by two of his former colleagues, which occasioned your report.

Yours faithfully. PHILIP TILLING. The University of Ulster, Department of English Studies, Coleraine. Co Londonderry BT52 ISA. August 9.

Grossly overweight?

From Mr G. D. Harcourt

Sir, The letter from the Chairman of the British Weights and Measures Association (August 5) reminds me of my late uncle, Mr H. L. Cox, a senior scientific officer at the National Physical Laboratory. Some 30 years ago, while determining with other committee members of the British Standards Institution the standard for metric screw threads for adoption in this country, he asked how they were to be packed. "Boxes of 144" was the reply.

Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY HARCOURT, The Old Vicarage, Benson, Oxfordshire. August 5.



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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE August 12: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening held a meeting at Buckingham Palace.

Alan Weeks

A Thanksgiving Service for the BBC Sports Commentator Mr Alan Weeks will be held on September 18, 1990, at noon in Ali Souls Church, Langham Place. London, W(.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Paolo Sarpi, philosopher, Venice, 1552: Charles Hutton, physicist, Newcastle, 1737: Sir Walter Besant, novelist and philanthropist, Ports-mouth, 1836: Baron Richard von Krafft-Ebing, neuropsychiatrist, Mannheim, Germany, 1840: John Galsworthy, novelist and dramatist, Nobel laureate 1932, Kingston Hill, Surrey, 1867.

DEATHS: Augustus Toplady, clergyman and hymn writer, London, 1778: John William Fletcher, clergyman, Madeley, Shropshire, 1785: George Colman the Elder, dramatist, London, 1794; Johann Herbart, philosopher, Göttingen, 1841; William Buckland, geologist, London, 1856; George Combe, phrenologist, Edin-burgh, 1858; Colin Campbell, Baron Clyde, field marshal. Chatham. 1863; Richard Jefferies, writer, Goring, Sussex, 1887; Alfred Harmsworth. Ist Viscount Northcliffe, proprietor of The Times 1908-22, London, 1922: Cyril "Sapper" McNeile, novelist and creator of Bulldog Drummond,

Pulborough, Sussex, 1937; Sir Landon Ronald, composer and conductor. London, 1938: William Randolph Hearst, newspaper proprietor, Beverly Hills, California, 1951; Bertolt Brecht, dramatist, Berlin, 1956: Henri Breuil, archaeologist, L'Ile Adam, France, 1961: Jules Romains, novelist, Paris, 1972: Karl Böhm, conductor, Salzburg, 1981; J.B. Priestley, novelist and dramatist. Stratford-upon-Avon, 1984; Enzo Ferrari, racing car manufacturer, Maranello, Modena,

The Dominions of India and Pakistan were established.

Latest wills

Recent estates include (net before tax):

Miss Margaret Annie Arbiaster, of Fradley, Staffordshire, E592,660 Mrs Susan Irene Sibell Corbett, of Airesford, Hampshire £958,055 Mr Benjamin Dalton, of Esher, Surrey <u>55</u>18.106 Mrs Elspeth Greta Emsheimer, of

Mrs Irene Josephine Goodwin, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire Eb02.797

In vain you rise early and go late to rest, tolling for the bread you eat; God supplies the need of those he loves. Failur 127; 2 (REII)

CECIL - On 29th June 1996 in Natrobi, to Camilla wife of Lord Hichael Cecil, a son, (Edward William James).

CHISHOLM - On 29th July, Eliza (née Fakenham) as

Alex, a son, Aldan Cares. CODESSTON - To Nomin, with

or Christopher Codrington, a daughter, on Monday 12th

EDWARDS - On 3rd August, to Becky and Steve, a son, Harry joseph, a brother for Ben, Jack and Lily.

FORRESTER - On 6th August 1996, to Sarah (née Wallace-Turner) and Alexander, a son, lack Bory Robert Ligonier.

for Lotu (not Amanda frackley) and Andrew, another beautiful daughtor, Camilla Minaboth 2

HOGAR - On 20th July 1996, to Jonnifer (née Gibeon) and Geoffrey, a son, Henry Stophon Caldwall, a brother for Clare.

for Clare.

HUGHES - To David and Jane
(ace Anstiss), a beautiful
daughter, Alice Christina
Grace, born last August
1976.

Frantis Composi - Co Sta
August, to Georgina (ace
Varney) and Life, a daughter,
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LEFFE - On August 11th, at The
East Surrey Bospital, to
Chanks and Tom, a son, Hugo
Christopher Eawdon.
MATTERSON - On 9th August
1996, to Camilla and
Dominic, a daughter, Olivia
Ellen Hardwick, a sister for
Jack and Paddy.
MOSTRUE - On 10th August, to

pack and Paddy.

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for Charlotts.
POSTOM - On August 8th 1996,
to Debbis (née Cooper) and
Richard, a son, Marthew Gry.
RAUSING - On August 7th at
The Portland Hospital, to
Eva (née Komeny) and Hana,
a handsome son, Samuei
Andem Euben, a brother for

for Clare

BURTHS

Council of Legal Education

(f); Mauger, C S (f); Cowhey, J M (L); Bromilow, D J (G); Chambers, M B (G); Davis, A M (G); Myers, J R (G); Davis, A M (G); Myers, J R (G); Nesbint, L K (G); Sanderson, R A (G); Edwards, H I (G); Markham, A V (L); Moloney, G M (M); Perry, A J (M); Packman, C G (I); Harper, V J (M); Ashiey, G W (L); Ahmad, K N (G); Cavalno Gomes, A A (M); Hillas, S (I); McKinnell, V L (M); Riegels, C D (L); McKonnohie, M L (M); Moreton, K L (G); Barry, S M (M); Pullin, S J (M); Guirguis, S (I); Loweth, C R (L); Legard, E T (G); Moran, T (G). Davis, A P (G); Ewins, D J (M); Rowentee, E J (L); Coa, O J (M); Rowentee, E J (L); Coa, O J (M); Pereira, J A (M); Robertson, A M (G); Uppal, B K (L); Hamilton, P A (L); Menzles, L W (L); Millon, J (L); Menzles, L W (L); Millon, J (L); Dillilon, J S (G); Ward, O M (G); Reed, J W (L); Miller, J (M); Marlin, A M (L); Cocker, D R (L); Anderson, H A (M); Wedge, B S (M); Tarrser, A J (G); Ford, J M (L); Leonard-Morger, S (M); Elliott, S J (G); Olupitan-Ruban, Y (f); Cadman, D J (L); Evans, L J (G); Cakes, C N (L); Phillips, S D (I); Sefton, M T (M); Futerman, S (M); Shariand, A J (G); Groy, M (M); Schoffield, A G (M); McDonald, L P (I); Bredemear, Z C (I); Thomas, D J (G); Connell, E S (M); Pliener, D J (M); Gloson, S W (G); Harrison, G W (I); Green, T S (G); Groy, C M (M); Schoffield, A G (M); McDonald, L P (I); Marsden, M (M); Schoffield, A G (M); Taylor, R S (I); Milch, J R (M); Smith, M I (M); Hay, E F (L); Marsden, M R (M); Jones, N J (G); White, D P (L); Scott Lynch, A G (I); Raynon, C C (I); Killick, J R (M); Samynon, J C (M); Friedman, D S (M); Colley, L M (L); Beard, M C (G); Chaha, S K (G); Bearms, S A (I); Samynon, J C (I); Inner, R J (II); Inner, R J (II); Inner, R J (II); Inner, R J (II); Inner, R J 1995-96 Bar Vocational Course Prizes The Searman Scholarships: (I) Benjamin Michael Gordon Elkington, Gray's Inn: (2) Alison Denise Oakes, Inner Temple The Barstow Scholarship: Stephanie Tozer, Lincoln's Inn The Everard Ver Heyden Foundation

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For the best performance in Advocacy
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Camilla Bingham, Inner Temple,
John Francis Bignall, Lincoln's Inn.
William McCarthy, Middle Temple The Laurence Kingsley Prize for Drafting: Craig Raymond Lestie, Middle Temple

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Litigation: Alistair James Hugh Abott. Middle Temple
The Bar Association for Commerce,
Finance and Industry Prize
For the best performance in the
Commercial Practice Module final
assistments: Andrew McDougal
O'Connor, Gray's Inn
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M (I): Hogan. A P (I): Bignall. J F (L):
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Stewart, former chairman,

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Evans, R.W. (G); Gill, B. (I); Steele, L.
C. (I); Solomon, D.E. (G); Serr, A.B.
(M); Jones, M.P. (G); Trumper, S.K.

Today's birthdays

London Brick Company, 93; Wooderson, former athlete, 82.

BOLTOM - On August 6th 1996, peacefully in Sidmouth, Helen Josephine (née Cuddon), aged 79 years. Desmes after of Demos and the late Gezaldina. Requiem Mass at The Church of the Most Prechous Blood, Endway August 19th at 11 am, August 19th at 11 am, followed by interment. Flowers to Fothury's Funeral Bervion, Edmouth, please.

HRENMAN - Lep Treductor

suddenly on 9th August 1996. Sadly minuted by wife and daughters. Engelies to E. Larner & Son (0171) 223-

Memeroll - John Harington on Monday 12th August at home in Little Massingham aged 79 years. Funeral service at 5t. Andrews Church, Little Massingham on Monday 19th August at 2pm. Flowers or domations for Little Massingham Church Restonation may be sent to- john Lincoln F/D. 36 tamor less the control of th

BRIDGES - On 5th August peacefully in hospital Katharine Mary aged 92 years, dear esterio-law of Vivien Bridges and nuch loved by her many friends. Faneral Service on Monday 19th August at Eight Ash Green Parish Church at 10am, followed by internet. Howes to W.H. Shaphard Faneral Directors, 93/94 High Street, Chicheses.

CHALOMER - (Née Wakefirid) on August 10th 1996 passed peacefully away at Blandford Berk (formerly of Weymosth). Beloved wife of the late James Rupet and devoted Mother, Mother-talisw, Grandmother and Great-Gezmdmother. "Pres at last". Further enquiries to Nicholas O'Kara F/D Tel: (U1202) 882134.

DAVIES - On 10th August, peacefully at St Michael's Hospice, Joan of Tupsley. Hereford. The funeral service will be held at Hereford Crematorium 6... Monday, 19th August, at 2pm. No flowers. If desired domations for St Michael's Hospice may be sent to Dawe Rou, 115 Westhing Street, Bereford.

DEATHS

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Moody, J. D. (M): Moses, R. (I):
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Dry summer reveals early enclosure



singer, is 35 today the Right Rev Hewlett Thompson, Bishop of Exeter, 67; Lord

Whaddon, 69; Mr Sydney

DEATES

GREENWOOD - On August 11th 1996, suddenly, Duris, beloved wife of Cyril and derond active of Deal and grandmother of Thuothy and Flour. Private Funeral Service on Friday 16th August at 920 mm at the Kent and Sussex Crematorium, Tambridge Wells, Fundly Idewes only but the Border Cinic, Crowberough, c/o E.E. Hickmort & Son, 41 Gover Hill Road, Tumbridge Wells, 1711 120.

GREEN - Dlana judith, IP
AECA on tim seem 1996
aged 83 years, wite of John
Green of Chedworth Manor,
Glos, and daughter of the
late Col. B.C. Elwes of
Colesborne, Glos, Fuseral
family and village only on
Friday 16th August at 2 pm.
Memorial service at
Codwell to be assessed
in due course. Family
flowers only Dosstlons may
be made to St Andrews
Church, Chedworth.

INSTRUME - On Sth Anguet 1996, whiles on holiday in his believed Switherinand. Alexander aged 74 years. Dearly loved husband of Per and a dear father and grandfather. Elis memory will be charished by us all. All suquirles to Neville Funeral Savvices, Luton, tel-(01502) 490006.

KARATION - Colle Hampion, 85, disconsished societies and cellist of The Geller String Quartet, died peacefully August 10th in Oakjand, California.

more than 5,000 years old has been found near Peterborough as a result of the dry summer (Norman Hammond writes). Seen from the air in mid-July, the circular enclosure is more than 200 metres in diameter, and may have been an early defensive or ritual centre. The site lies at Northborough, four miles north of Peterboro and less than two miles from the noted prehistoric complex at Maxey. Only a short distance from encroaching housing development, the dark marks of the

A PREHISTORIC encampment

neolithic ditches show up clearly against the paler crops. Several circuits of ditches inter-

rupted by numerous causeways mark the sile as a "causewayed enclosure", one of the earliest types of large-scale monument con-structed by early farmers in Britain. Most have been dated so around 4000-3000 BC; the esti-mated 100,000 hours of labour

(D1283) 4831187 On 12th
August 1996 at Glemafton
Hurring Home, Glasgow,
Joyce Bughas Ballett Cade
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David, jim and Ricky.

SHORT - R.B. of Excis Colors, Essex, died 10th Angust aged 90 years at a private nursing home. Funeral Service at Colchester Crematorium Monday August 19th at 11 am. No flowles, latters or talephone calls.

calls.

JOMES - Peacufully on 10th August 1996 Harry Streether aged 63 years of Shute, Arminster, Devon. Ruch loved by Dava, also his sens Andrew, Adms and James. Sadly missed by his twin sister Dinah and brother David. Funeral Service at the Church of St. Mary and St Glies, Sucherell, Houlton, Devon, Friday 16th August 2.50 yas followed by tremesters at the Church of St. Mary and St Glies, Sucherell, Houlton, Devon, Friday 16th August 2.50 yas followed by tremesters at The Zester and Devon Chematorium 3.45pm.
Family flowers only. Inquiries or doubtions if desired to Devon Air Ambulance c/o Laysoll Funeral Services, Avilscombe, Houlton, Devon. Tel. (01404) 44656.

Hattonal Chairman for Families Need Fathers, passed peacefully in his sileep during the early hours of August Eth. The fineral will take place at All Saints (Church, Uxbridge Hoad, Harrow Weald, on Monthly 19th August at 2.30 pm. Petryone wilcome to attend. English to deather h James 700, 7 Low Lines, Finner, tek (0181) 566-0028.

required to construct one means that 250 workers could have done the task in 40 days.
The discovery was made by

James Pickering, a veteran aerial archaeologist who has been surveying the East Midlands from light plane for decades. This during the cereal growth cycle was most favourable for crops in eastern England," he said. "Although most known sites between Peterborough and Sleaford re-mained invisible, hundreds of new

sites and details were recorded." The Northborough causewayed enclosure is bisected by a Roman 'canal" less than half its age, Mr Pickering said. The "canal", part of an extensive system of drainage and navigation in the Fens, shows upon Mr Pickering's air photo as a thick dark line.

The function of the enclosures is disputed: for decades they have been deemed ceremonial sites, nerhans a ritual focus or periodic meeting place for the surrounding population, which contributed a their construction.

They may also have been England's first fortresses, however: at Crickley Hill, near Cheltenham, burnt arrowheads found along the parts constructed from their uncast soil and stone suggest the storming of a redoubt.

The four lines of ditches at Northborough, in two closely spaced pairs, suggest twin ram-parts, each likely to have been topped by a wooden palisade. Although most such enclosures

occupy strategic locations on hilltops, lowland examples are known from near Windsor and Cambridge: Mr Pickering's discovery reinforces the view that early farmers were recritorial neonle who divided the landscape rapidly. and were prepared to defend their

THE TIMES WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14 1996 marriages

Mr P.C. Baker and Miss A.B.J. Wollen The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs W.G. Baker, of Shawford. Hampwhite, and Arabella, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs G.H. Wollen, of Corfe Castle, Dorset

Mr G.M.M. Bisdée and Miss E. Hudson The engagement is announced between Gavin, son of Mr David Bisdee, of Lincolnshire, and Mrs Lori Neville-Thomas, of Henley, Oxon, and Emma, daughter of Mr Richard Hudson, of Beverley, Yorkshire, and Mrs Judi Lurie, of Anlaby, East Yorkshire. Mr R.A.K. Denny

and Miss M. Oberlander The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Denny, of Hattingley, Alton, Hampshire, and Miss Michelle Oberlander, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Mr A.H. Hely-Hutchinson

and Miss R.L. Colthurst and Miss R.L. Contours
The engagement is announced
between Adam, son of Mr and Mrs
Christopher Hely-Hutchinson, of
Ludlow, Shropshire, and
Romaine, elder daughter of Mr
and Mrs Oliver Colthurst, of
Resulting and Schampter
Champter Beaulieu-sur-Sonnette, Charente, France.

Mr C.L. Joselan and Miss S. Lake The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Mr and Mrs P.H. Joseland, of Albrighton, near Wolverhampton, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A.C. Lake, of Grantham,

Mr C.J. Lane and Miss S.M. Scott Thomas
The engagement is announced
between Charles, only son of Mr
Peter Lane, of Croxley Green, Hertfordshire, and Mrs Peter Jones, of Terling, Essex, and Samantha, youngest daughter of the late Lieutenant-Commander Simon Scott Thomas, Royal Navy,

Dorset. Mr J.L. Peak and Miss C.L. Alexander The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Edward Peak, of Shrewsbury, and his late wife, Kathleen, and Louise, younger daughter of Jill and Sandy Alexander, of Dulwich.

and Mrs Simon Idiens, of Trent,

and Miss A.J. Dover

The engagement is annunced between Charles, only son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Northwer, of Rickmansworth, Hertfonishire, and Amanda, daughter of Nr Den Dover, MP for Chorley, and Mrs Marina Dover, of Boreharswood, Hertfordshire.

Mr T.W.P. O'Brien and Miss J.C. Kitchiag The engagement is armbunced between Patrick, son of the late Mr between Patrick, son a the late Mr E.C. O'Brien, OBE, MC, and of Mrs Pamela O'Brien of Laleston, Mid-Glamorgan, and Janette (Betty), daughter of Vr and Mark P.M. Kitching, of Effingham,

Surrey. Mr N.M. Ross and Miss C.I. Harwood

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, youngest son of the late Mr Mark Ros and of Mrs Joan Ross, of Riberac France, and Cressida, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.F. Harwood, of Washbrook, Suffolk.

Dr H.R. Smith and Dr L.K.V. Norman The engagement is announced between Harvey, elde son of Mr and Mr R.S. Smith of Perry. Huntingdon, and Luinda, eldest daughter of Dr ank Mrs W.J. Norman, of Lyth Hil, Shrews-

bury. Shropshire. Mr S.J. Ruddy and Miss A.M. Davis The engagement is announced between Stephen, sor of Mr and Mrs M.J. Ruddy, of History Wycombe, and Anna, daughter

Mr and Mrs J.E. Davies, of

Marriage

Mr J.C. Armitage and Miss S.K. Warrer

The marriage took place on July 27, at the Grace Lutheran Church, McGregor, Minnesta, between Mr John Christopher Armitage, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Armitage, of Chelsea London, and Miss Chelsea Church Miss Shonda Warne, daughter of Mr James Warne and Mrs Karmon Amsler, bth of Sloux City, lows. The Rev Lauren Macon-Wightman and the Rev Matthew Persson oficiated.

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The bride was give in marriage by her father. Mr schard Pease

Church news

Appointments

The Rev David McCormick, Assistant Curate, Grimsby Team Ministry: now Team Vicar, St Hugh's, Grimsby (Lincoln).

The Rev Robert Martin, Assistant Curate, parish of Kentish Town: to be Vicar, St Paul's, Harringay (London). The Rev Alexander Murdoch, Vicar, The West Poldens (Bath and Wells): to be Rector, the

Gate group of parishes (Oxford). The Rev Peter Nicholson, Team Vicar, Great Baddow Team Ministry: to be Vicar, Westeliff-on-Sea, St Muchaei and All Angels (Chelmsford). The Rev Robert Orchin, Assistant Curate, St Francis, Leigh Park: to be Assistant Curate. Warren Park, St Clare and

Leigh Park, St Francis, held in plurality (Portsmouth). The Rev Bryan Owen. Warden. Scottish Churches House, Dunblane (St Andrews, Scotland): to be Vicar. St Mary, Cuddington (Guild-

ford). The Rev Charles Patrick, Assistant Curate, Grimsby Team Ministry: now Team Vicar, St

DEATRS

WINTLE - On August 12th
1996 peacefully at Queen
Mary's University Hospital.
Rochampton, Joan
Armstrong, aged 79 reals,
widow of Air Commodors
P.E.G. Wintle, mother to
Carol and Ann and
Grandmother of Charles,
Rupert Sarah, Phillips and
Simon. Funeral at Woking
Crematorium on 19th
August at 2 pm. No flowers,
but if desired donations to
EAF Sensevolum Fund.

WOODWARD - On August 9th 1996 Charles Vivian aged 90. Beloved husband of the late Jessie, father of Jean and father-in-law of David Runciman. Funeral at Worthing Crassatorium at 12 noon on Feldery 23rd August 1996.

Mary w St Jame, Grimsby (Lincoln). The Rev Dr Pavid Peat. Curate, Headingry and Lecturer at Leeds Unversity: to be also Diocesan Adviser for

Non-Stipendiar Ministry

(Ripon). The Rev John teek, NSM, Ventnor parishs, Isle of Wight (Portsmoth): to be Chaplain, Bearwood College The Rev Joanna Ervical: to be

Assistant Curate; St Andrew, Cobham (Guildfod). The Rev David Rincorn, previously Vicar, it Stephen, Castle Hill (Lordon): to be Director of Pastor I and Evangelism Studies at Frinity College (Bristol).

Canon Norman hisself, Rector, Gerrards Pross and Fulmer: now also?ural Dean of Amersham (Oxord). The Rev Jackie Serle, formerly Assistant Curte, St Stephen, Castle Hill London): to be part-time Lecturer at Trinity College, Bristol(Bristol). The Rev Robert Spson, Vice

Biggleswade: to bealso Rural

Dean of Bigglewade (St

Albans).

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BIRTHS

EYNOLDS - On 10th August 1996 at home at 1.50 pm, to Genericee and Mark, a son Greg, a bruther for Oliver, Georgine and Elliott.

STUCKHELD - On August 12th, to fill (new Pendiston) and the, is son, james Ricolas Edward, a brother to Sandy and Lucy at Hillsborough California.

THADAM - Tanya born 7th August 1996 at The Portland Hospital, beautiful dangihter of Sonya-Harry, granddaughter of Neetz-Thaku Thadani and Sejini-Sunder Punwani.

TROTMAN - On August 8th 1996, to Charlotte (née Walker) and James, 2 daughter, Emma Victoria

TUCKWELL - In Sydney, Australia on 28th July 1996 to Sophle (nie Simpson) and Zach, a daughter, Molly.

ASHBY - On August 2nd 1996 peacefully in a nursing home, justine Chase Ashby of Ayaho Fark, ar. Sambur, Funcial Service to be hald on Wednesday September 4th

Wednesday September 40 1996 at 3.30 pm S Michael's Church, Aynho.

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BASAK - Frof. Andi Kussar
Basak, former president West Bengal Higher
Secondary Conneil, an
economist/journalist/author
(West Bengal-India), died of
heart attack in isle of Wight,
England at the age of 69. A
beliesed sense. Marier
Communist Party (19421993), he helped establish
the newspaper Gansahakti
among many others in
Calcutta. He was in the
governing body of several
educational institutions at
the time of the fasth.

BEVAN - On August 7th

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BEVAN - On August 7th suddenly at his home in Whitebrook, Monsouthshire Douglas John aged 64 years. But and father and grandfather Funezal Service Thursday Angust 22nd, 12 noon at ilandop Church prior to interment in the churchyard Family flowers only, denations if so desired for The Gwent Wild Life Trust may be sent to Philip

Trust may be sent to Philip Blatchiy & Son, 5 Station Road, Chapstow, tel: (01291) 624939.

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PERSONAL COLUMN

DEATHS DEATHS MAYNES - On Angust 12th 1996 peacefully at her home Lindle Mary Lankester of Standards I with Duning and 74 years. Duning and 74 years. Duning and 74 years. Duning the standards I will be and sadly missed by all her from June all Bervion at 8th Mary's Church, Sturminster Newton, on Monday August 19th at 2 yes to be followed by private cremation. No flowers by request, donations if desired for Abdelmes Diseases Society elo Colin J. Glose Pummal Service, Ils Salisbury Stoot, Blandford, Dorset, tellBlandford, Dorset, tell-DYMOCK-MAUNSELL On 10th Angust 1996 at Carkill Mauor Nursing Home, John Charles, it. Cmdr. R.K. myd. Second son of the late Sydney and Alice Maunsell of Bath, brother, ancie, gest under and politicise to take piace at \$t james' Church. Weypridge, on Tuesday 20th Angust 1996 at 11 am, followed by private cremation. Friends welcome. No flowers. Douations to King George's Pand for Sallors, \$ Hatherier Scott, London 5W1P 2TL

NELLOR - On Saturday Assists 10th 1996 unexpectedly but peacefully Betty aged 89, widow of the har Vennon Godfrey Meller, Most dentity level mether of Peter and Pully and grandboother of John and Taxon

BOLAH - Lynda. Beloved mother of David and leving gazzdnocter to Brychy and Stacey, Irreplaceable, and will live in our hearts and minds feature.

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passed away precedulty at his heme Sharfield, Buringstoits, on Fedday Pharmatic Administrative A

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O'DOMESTY - On 9th Amoust peacefully in hospital, Audrey (nie McDermott) aged 82 years. Widow of the law Dr. Colemna O'Doherty. Cartished mother of Furkife, Bugh, Celemna, Lucille, Sheenagh and Anne. Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart Chutch, Edge Hill, London SW19 at 12 mon Friday 16th Ampust. Flowers or donations to The Wimbledon Guild, clo Predit. W. Fahre, 6 Coumbe Lane, London SW20.

DWESS - Anna Cocilia on Thunday 8th August 1996 peacefully at home. Widow of Squadron Leader John Real Owen DFC, much loved their all cant. The functal has taken place. MEDEA - On Thursday 8th Angust, Mary, adjoed wife of Led (decembed). Thank you from us all for those many wonderful memorius. God Bless. The fuseral service will be at Golders Green Cressrondom. West Chepel, on Fidaly 16th August at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please but donations if dented may be made up The Woodlands Tree Fund (M. Medea) o't Moon Beaver, 24-25 Bleemsbury Square, London WCLA 271.

PARSONS - Sir Anthony successful to 12th august in Ashburton, Devon. Private funeral. No flowers please.

ROUVK - On 12th August peacefully at home Nancy stangard (Nan), way Gently loved wife of the late Humphay, darling mother of Faul and Virginia, granufate of lower of Annabel and "m-i-l" of francia Frank constant of the Mortlake Crumatorium on 19th August at 4 pm. No flowers by request. Dougloss by request. Dougloss by request. Dougloss in the second with he aged. There will be an occupied in the second with weeds and song.

SCOTT - George very quietly on August 13th, sped 90 years, dearest heaband of Emma for 64 years, the darling father of Mavie Louise, a wonderful grandfather and greatmanter from Soviet at Chichester Creastorium, Friday 16th August at 5 pm.

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SEVEROUR - Violet born Sonome, California 1894, with of the less the Emmon Seymout, died at Sutton Vezy 11th Asgast Requiem Mans at 3t Bernadatte's, West End, Westbury, Wilth. It am Monday 19th Angust followed by burial at 5t James Church, Bratton. Ramily flowers only planse. Demelting Howers only planse. Demelting Howers only planse. Demelting Howers of the Fox, 66 Cothans HEL, Bristol d.

pancefully after a short illness aged 91 at the continuous aged 91 at the state of the continuous aged 91 at the state of the continuous aged 91 at the state of the continuous aged 91 at the continuou

EIDEBOTTOM - Anne Eatherine, wife of Derek, mother of Peter, grandmother of Harry and Charlotte, died peacefully on 12th August after a long illness. Cremation private family only. No flowers,

DEATHS

STUMBLES - On Monday 12th August 1996 peneurally at Midfield Lodge Nursing Home, Onkington, Cambridge, Doctor George Leilie Stumbles aged 85 years, beloved husband of Dorothy Edith (Theo). Thanksgiving Service will beheld at St Andrew's Church, Ghton, Cambridge, on Prichy 30th August at 3 pm. Lettings collection for St Andrew's Church.

MALER - At his home on Monday, 12th August, Karol Charles Thaler, diplomatic strength, observe an participant in events of the century's most turbulent years, aged 91. Any enquiry to (01288) 35 45 74. WALKEN - On August 12th
1996 peacefully at home
Ridward Burnam D.S.C., IP., of
Hortely aged 72 years,
Beloved home. Private
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Service will be held at 5t
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Sir Anthony Parsons, GCMG, LVO. MC, diplomat, died on August 12 aged 73. He was born on September 9, 1922.

nthony Parsons was in turn a professional soldier, a much-loved and successful diplomat who contributed greatly to the success of the Falklands campaign of 1982, adviser to the Prime Minister and, in retirement, a distinguished comand student of international affairs,

In a Times review of The Pride and the Fall, Parsons's account of his years as Ambassador to Iran from 1974 to 1979, David Owen, who had been Foreign Secretary at the time, observed that "the worst public servants are those who never risk a judgment, who always hedge their bets. The best, and Anthony Parsons was among the very best, pose the right questions but are also ready to give the wrong answers." Owen went on to remark that it was a tribute to Parsons's professional skills that he was able to command the affection and regard of people as diverse as himself. Lord Carrington and Margaret Thatcher.

Anthony Parsons was educated est King's School, Canterbury. He served with the Royal Artillery throughout the war, winning an MC in its last year, accepting a regular commission thereafter and going on to study Arabic at the Army's expense at Balliol College, Oxford. He used his Arabic in a number of military appointments. the last of them as assistant military attaché in the Embassy in Baghdad,

But in 1954, at the relatively late age of 32, Parsons transferred to the Foreign Service and embarked on a series of Middle Eastern appointments of increasing seniority and importance. He brought to them an incisive intelligence, military precision, a gentle warmth of personality and an openness of mind about international affairs relatively rare in those distant days. By the time he was 43, and Political Agent in Bahrain, he had made himself one of the Foreign Office's leading authorities on Middle Eastern affairs.

From Bahrain. Parsons was transferred in 1969 to the British Mission in New York and as Counsellor there started to add United Nations experience to his Middle Eastern expertise. He stayed in New York for three years, and served thereafter for a further three in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London. But in 1974, at the age of 52, he was appointed Ambassador to Iran.

It is difficult to recall at this

distance the expectations that were heaped on Iran in those last years before the fall of the Shah. The first great oil price rise had brought the country wealth; the Shah's ambitions promised it modernity; the exporters and investors of Europe and North America rushed to fill its requirements for infrastructural development and military equipment. Parsons flung himself and his mission into Britain's export drive, always conscious, as he said afterwards, that tanks sold to the Shah meant employment in the tank factories of Leeds (indeed, at one point the Shah's Army was receiving from British factories a more up-to-date mark of the Chieftain main battle tank than that with which the Royal Armoured Corps was being equipped).
But the Shah's headlong drive to

modernise his country was bringing an Islamic reaction, just as the corruption of his court and Government was provoking his people to a throne-threatening anger. Parsons played a forthright role in the Shah's last months, provoking the Secretary of State, himself no shrinking violet, to send him a plaintive telegram in which Dr Owen offered to carry more of the burden of public representation of British policy towards Iran himself.

The Shah fell and the great Iranian adventure was over. Par-

SIR ANTHONY PARSONS



Parsons as British Ambassador to the United Nations outlines his Government's position on the Falkland Islands, 1982

sons came home, to admit that his concern for exports might have fatally distracted his attention and that of his mission from the more fundamental political issues on which the Shah's fate, and Britain's position in Iran, in the end depended. He brought to failure, as later to success, absolute honesty and clarity of analysis.

In 1979 Parsons went to New York as Ambassador to the United Nations. In his three years there he built on his earlier United Nations experience a great personal authority. Other British ambassadors have done as much. Parsons succeeded in winning the affection as well as the respect of colleagues from every kind of country and

every kind of background. He was a man entirely without pretension, and his transparent honesty of purpose stood out in council chambers much given to posturing.

Parsons was due to retire from New York and from the Diplomatic Service in September 1982. But in April of that year the Falkands crisis broke on an unexpecting

world, and the British Mission to the United Nations found itself at the centre of frenzied diplomatic activity. In the weeks between the Argen-

tine coup and the recovery of the islands, Parsons completely outboxed the Argentine representative and others at the United Nations whose instincts led them to see the

Palklands as a colonial issue, in which Britain must ineluctably be in the wrong. He dealt as magisterially with the British Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, asking her at one fraught crisis meeting at Chequers to refrain from interrupting him. For Parsons, as for his colleague in the Embassy in Washington, Nicholas Henderson, the Falklands issue offered a spectacular finale to a distinguished diplomatic career.

On his retirement Parsons accepted an invitation from the Prime Minister to serve as her special adviser on foreign affairs. In the year which he spent at NoIO he did what he could to defuse the Prime Minister's suspicions of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and the equally lively suspicions that sometimes flowed in the opposite direction across Downing Street.

ut Parsons had planned to devote his retirement to reading and to study. He and his wife established themselves at Ashburton on the edge of Dartmoor, and from his home there flowed regular press and television comment on international affairs. He published two memoirs based on his Middle East experiences. He became a research fellow and lecturer at the University of Exeter and the chairman of the David Davies Memorial Institute for International Studies, His old college at Oxford made him an honorary fellow, and for four years he served on the board of the British Council.

All Parsons's work in retirement, as his work in the Diplomatic Service, was characterised by a gentle and urbane liberalism, an interest in the other man's point of view, and a concern for the underdog. He was appointed LVO in 1965, CMG in 1969, KCMG in 1975, and advanced to GCMG in 1982. In 1948 he married Sheila Baird, who gave him a close and supportive marriage, two sons and two

MARSHAL ANTONIO DE SPÍNOLA

Marshal Antonio de Spinola, President of Portugal from May to September 1974, died in bospital in Lisbon yesterday aged 86. He was born in Estremot on April 11, 1910.

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WHEN Antonio de Spinola was called to the helm of the Portuguese state in the spring of 1974, it was to end the country's 48-year-old dictatorship and to start Portugal on the irrevocable path to democracy. The accession of Spinola as head of government seemed symbolic in many ways, not just for Portugal but for the whole of Europe.

He was one of Portugal's most brilliant and brave soldiers. He had been one of the most tenacious prosecutors of Portugal's counter-insurrectionary wars in its African colonies. He was deeply conservative and proud of the military culture which had irtured him.

Yet, even before he toppled the last representative of the

Caetano, he had perceived, as many in the Portuguese Army and Government failed to do. that Portuguese colonialism had had its day. It was his revolutionary

dictatorial regime, Marcelo

tract, Portugal and the Future, published in February 1974, which set forth his conviction that the repressive regime of the dictatorship, as it operated against nationalist aspirations in Africa, was both morally wrong and, in practice, impossible to sustain. His ideas, pungently expressed. ushered in the final act in the retreat of European colonialism from Africa.

Yet the joy which greeted Spinola in Portugal was not to be long sustained, notwithstanding the paternalistic popularity he seemed to command across the entire nation. What had started out as a liberalising crusade against long years of wasteful autocracy was quickly to collapse in ignominy and personal humiliation. Within five months Spinola had resigned the presidency, claiming that he could not carry on in a climate of anarchy. The truth was that the

Portuguese Army's most brilliant tactician had been completely outmanoeuvred by junior officers who had much greater political acumen than he did, and much more specific ideas of how they intended to exercise their power. He had none of their left-wing revolutionary fervour, and as events unrolled swiftly in the davs after the April revolution it became clear that they were impatient of his gradualist notions of the revolutionary process. When it became clear to him that the price of staying power would mean the acceptance of Communists in his Government, he resigned on the last day of September. His period of leadership had lasted barely five months. A later attempt by him to stage a coup — of the right-wing this time - ended equality ignominiously.
Antonio Sebastião Ribeiro

de Spinola was born into a

of Estremoz in the mountainous Alto Alentejo region. After attending the Lisbon Military Academy, he went on to the officers' training school from which he passed out in 1932 and joined a cavalry regiment. A fine horseman, and later to: he a nationally renowned figure through his stern visage and its accompanying mono-cle, Spinola represented Portu-

gal's national showjumping team on many occasions. Duni was a faithful upholder of the right-wing regime of the dictator Antonio Salazar, who rewarded him with accelerated promotion. He comended Portuguese troops in Angola during the anti-guerrilla war between 1961 and 1964.

There he sowed the seeds of his reputation as a soldiers' general, astonishing his troops by leaping first from his helicopter into fire-swept combat zones and by the obduracy with which he led them in the arid bush, often going for days without ra-

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well-to-do family in the town tions. Professional soldiers adored him; conscripts losthed him.

Yet he was no mere gung ho commander. When, in 1972 he was appointed Commander of the Portuguese Armed Porces in Guinea, he demonstrated a far-signed humanity towards those whom the Portuguese Government was committed to liquidate. In Guinea, he became more and more convinced that the solution for the colonial wars should be a one. Ignoring his orders which were to "wipe out the African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde" (PAIGC), he began negotiations with them and

territory. Spinola went to all of the negotiations unarmed to show his good faith. Even after the PAIGC assassinated Portuguese officers he maintained his position regarding the

attempted to bring more Africans into the life of the

Unfortunately the negotiations with the PAIGC failed. Still, he advocated a "community of nations made up of Portugal and its African territories in which self-determination for those territories would be recognised". In 1971 he came to Lisbon to try to convince the Prime Minister, Marcelo Caetano, that the war in Guinea could not be won. He was not listened to.

In 1972 Spinola led an aborted invasion of Conakry to overthrow the regime of the President of the Guinea Republic. Sekou Toure, Later, when the secretary-general of the PAIGC, Amilcar Cabral, was assassinated in January of 1973, the PAIGC leaders accused Spinola of having ordered the murder. It was later proved that members within the movement itself were responsible.

in September 1973 Spinola resigned as Governor of Guinea, citing as the reason "the lack of support by the central Government in Lisbon for his



Spinola arriving at the presidential palace in Lisbon on May 15, 1974

policy of increasing participation of the African people in building an enlarged African-Luso-Brazilian community". When Spinola's book, Por-tugal and the Future, ap-peared it immediately encouraged the "young cap-

tains", in the Army who were plotting a revolution, to carry it out. On April 25, 1974, they marched on Lisbon and deposed the government. The Prime Minister, holed up in the Carmo fortress in Lisbon. agreed to surrender to Spinola and was escorted to an aircraft to go to exile in Brazil. Spinola was named Presi-

dent of the Junta of National Salvation. On May 15, 1974, he was named President of Portugal. But by September, with a rash of strikes, demonstrations, occupations of factories and other Communist-in-spired acts - anathema to a man so wedded to the notion of order as he was - he felt compelled to resign.

On March II. 1975, he took part in an attempted rightwing coup to oust the Communists. But the coup failed and Spinola fled to Spain and resigned from the Army. He then sought exile in Brazil where he founded the Democratic Movement for the Liberation of Portugal (MDLP). After the Communists and

other leftist groups were put down on November 25, 1975, by moderate military officers

and political parties, he returned to Portugal and dissolved the MDLP. On February 27, 1978, he reinstated himself in the Army and in 1981 was made a Marshal

For many years he could be seen on horseback in a park outside Lisbon, as upright and military as he had been for more than half a century. He was admitted to hospital last year. His last public appearance was in March last year when he received by his hospital bed his old PAIGC enemy, President Nuno Vieira of Guinea Bissau.

Antonio de Spinola is sur-vived by his wife Maria Monteiro de Barros. They had no children.

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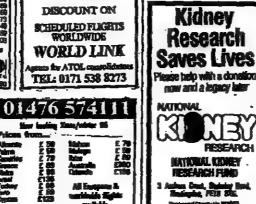
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It is rather singular that we, who of all nations are the most fond of travel. and who pride ourselves on the facility with which we can circumnavigate the globe, do not yet know how to get from one end of our own metropolis to the

The pedestrian who has beaten his Alpine guides in climbing, who has followed the trail of the bushmen and overtaken them, and who has kept pace with the Sjoux as he hunted through the prairie, when he comes back to England may find it difficult to conduct a lady to the pianoforte without jostling a cardtable, kicking down the chairs, and stumbling on to the musicstool; and we, whose fleets have crossed every sea, whose caravans have traversed every land, who have given steamships and railroads and telegraphs to the world, who go to India in a month and to America in ten

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One suggestion for improving traffic flow in London was to increase the "tramroad" network providing cheap and uniform fares "to free us from some 4,000 to 5,000 horses that now block up our streets".

days-who, in a word, have brought the art of locomotion to the highest perfection, do not know how to move along our own streets.

We wonder when the metropolitan mind will fully comprehend such facts as these—that from Hyde Park to London-bridge the distance is a third of the way to Brighton, and that from his office to Paddington is a third of the

distance from Paddington to Oxford. A Hansom cab will not drive to either of these stations from the places named in less than half an hour, and in an hour and a half a railway journey of 60 miles is regularly accomplished. Does it never occur to any one that this is not merely a great inconvenience, but a great disgrace to us? Does it never occur to those who say to their country cousins, "Ah, you should see the carriages in Cheapside", and who point with exultation to the dead lock there, that there ought to be no dead lock, and that it is our shame, not our

Our whole street system is most discreditable, and it would be well if those who have hitherto been thinking only of the antipodes and the North Pole, how to cut through the Isthmus of Suez, and how to reach the Pacific by Panama, were to begin at home, and attempt to solve the still more important problem of metropolitan

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Why the daytime chat show just keeps on talking

Is there life on a television sofa?

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television be, now that we have a better steer on whether there was once life on Mars than on whether there is any still left in the chat show? Do these programmes really deserve all the abuse they get?

And if they do, why is someone as tellysmart as Alan Yentob today expected to unveil yet another one — hosted by Julie Goodyear — to be inserted into the BBCs autumn daytime schedules?

It's true that more and more chat show guests turn out to be untrustworthy, preening, fame-hungry charlatans, but many shows don't have any MPs on at all.

In TV's equivalent of a Nasa probe mission. Channel 4 felt it had settled the argument when it launched, and later buried. Gaby Roslin's Saturday night chats: if Gaby couldn't locate life on the

sofa, nobody could. Then, sud-denly, the BBC gloatingly re-vealed it had poached Clive Anderson from Channel 4 to host a "new" chat show that sounds just like his old Clive Anderson

Now why would Alan Yentob do that if the chat show didn't still have a pulse?

Yet even Anderson felt that he needed to explain why this supposed mummy of a format was being unbandaged by the BBC yet again: "Everyone says the chat show is a dead form. But I do what I do and if people

want to watch, that's great." Which is about as close as television science really gets to e-mc2.

Last Friday, BBC1 began a second trawithrough its Parkinson Show archives to give us Parky's Peter Sellers interview. So. is showing a 20-year-old interview proof that we all still enjoy the chat show formula? Or just confirmation that the format is so dododead that nobody does it properly any more. and that we must therefore spend the rest of our lives pining for Harty and Parky?

The former, I think. The BBC's two new autumn arrivals certainly won't feet lonely: flick through TV listings and you'll find scores of chat-based shows.

We know that such shows are cheap to make, but they are also popular. Telly executives who claim the chat show is dead are like those explorers who don't believe in the Loch Ness monster, but still spend years hunting for the beast,

Why? Because when chat shows work, they work spectacularly. Even the derided ones. Take Oprah. Yes, there may be sluts and nuts in Oprah Winfrey's studio alongside her more glamorous celebrities, but ratings are huge. Oprah may not be your not be your taste in clothes, or Oasis your taste in music that doesn't mean they aren't samebody else's.

Many Hollywood movies may seem crass to you, but that is no reason to declare the film industry dead, less still to shut it down in despair and spend the rest of our lives watching flickering black-and-white reruns of Casablanca.

America's David Letterman is so succes ful that Sky, which broadcasts his nightly show on Sky I, is switching it to its new Sky 2 channel in the hope that loyal fans will follow him and thus create an audience base

If Jonathan Ross and Danny Baker are no longer in the host's seat, that is only because they stole Letterman's tricks without conjur-

ing up any of his magic. Clive Anderson was more successful in apeing Letterman, but he is not the only interviewer going strong in England. Old Fogey Frost is still a magnet for big names. The writer A.N. Wilson once called him king of them all. He can talk with kings, but does not lose the common touch - in his case, a very common touch indeed". If Frost is not as well-known as he once was, this is not because the big interview is dead, just that

others have become more famous practitioners. Larry King's show on CNN has made its name because politicians such as Ross Perot even announce their presidential

Television chat has always been halfway into its coffin. "Before I started the Parkinson Show in 1971 it was rumoured the talk show had had it." Parkinson recalls, "and when I finished II years later it was generally accepted I had killed it off." Parky thinks today's stars are overexposed (a case of "the talk show's still big, it's the stars that got small?, but even he doesn't think the format is dead.

Jonathan Ross's argument is that in the days of Parky and Russell Harty, stars had few places to parade themselves. Now they have plenty. The problem isn't what new talk shows do." he says, "it's just that it's all so readily available elsewhere." But surely that's a sign of their strength, not weakness: chat shows are so successful that TV executives keep commissioning more.

Look, if people are willing, week after week, to watch a chat show even if it is hosted by Des O'Connor, then audiences must be awfully keen on the idea. Brenda Maddox is on holiday.

THE LISTENER

One paper for the weekend?

UNDAUNTED by nose-diving circulation figures. ever-optimistic ideas men at the Sunday Express are now planning to produce their flagging organ not once but

on the verge of mutiny.

wails one. "The company has

just spent a fortune building a

hedges but we can't communi-

cate properly." The world of fashion is clearly teetering on

the brink of a cyber abyss.

Return to lender

A DRACONIAN new regime

has been introduced at the

BBC archives in an attempt to

stem the losses of material

borrowed by members of staff

and never seen again. Fines of

£50 will be incurred on over-

due cassettes and a minimum

charge of £100 demanded

when it becomes apparent

that an item has gone for ever.

"We believe we can encourage a more responsible attitude,"

a spokesman says.

garden with plastic

Sue Douglas, the Editor, cheered by her aborted-twin scoop, has been briefed to draw up a feasibility plan to produce what would effectively be Britain's first two-day Sunday newspaper.

Under a scheme apparently inspired by Lord Hollick, the Daily Express would become a five-day operation, from Monday to Friday, and the Sunday Express would take over Saturday and Sunday as a week-

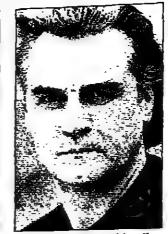
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With rumours growing that
Richard Stott, former Editor of Today, is about to join Express Newspapers, it is not clear who would oversee such a daring venture. "We are not entirely confident that Sue will be around to see the fruits of her labour," says a staffer.

● THE pouting creatures who inhabit Vogue House are in a terrible tizzy. Chaos reigns as gremlins run riot in the Internet service used by the style slaves of Vogue and the gals of Tatler. Contributors copy fails to appear, messages sent around the globe do not arrive and editorial staff are The system keeps going down, but nobody tells us so we go on trying to use it and then wonder why no one replies and articles are late."

Michael Howard: complaint

 NEVER let it be said that London Underground aren't a bunch of softies under-neath that ruthless exterior. Keen to preserve the institution of marriage. Tube bosses have donated free advertising space to London Marriage Guidance to run a £75.000 poster campaign lat-

er this year. The fact that recent strike action has put considerable strain on the home lives of London Underground staff apparently had no influence whatsoever on the kind



Billy Connolly: on his trike

Broken promises OVER at Radio 4, a tantrum thrown by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, has resulted in a rap over the knuckles for programmemakers. Mr Howard had agreed to

take part in a series of features on prison policy for The World Tonight programme on the understanding that his contribution would be broadcast after those of his critics.

Feet were stamped and accusations of broken promises were hurled when, because of a misunderstanding, two of his opponents appeared the day after Mr Howard. The Home Office made an official

complaint to the BBC. Staff have now been told they must be "precise in the terms of any invitations issued" and not to renege on promises. Presumably Mr Howard will be issuing the same edict to his own colleagues.

 BT's disappointment that the Scottish comedian Billy Connolly will not now by starring in its latest "It's good" to talk" campaign has been tempered somewhat by his recent appearance at Princess Beatrice's birthday party.

Connolly, who never lets his royal connections interfere with his anarchist image, was due to take over from Bob Hoskins next year in the BT TV campaign, but the parties could not agree on the time he would need to commit. All concerned were depressed until Connolly turned up at Sunninghill Park, the Duke of York's home, on a ludicrous motor-trike looking like a reject from a Mad Max film.

"All advertisers want their stars in the newspapers, but not when they look like q prat," a BT insider says.

Reality v blue-chip advertising



Hale and Pace: putting their creative talents to the test

THERE is trouble afoot in adland. A survey by Ogilvy & Mather reveals the plummeting image of the leading bluechip corporations among the

great unwashed. When asked "How much do you trust the following companies compared to five years ago?", 45 per cent of respondents claimed they had less faith in British Gas, while 20 per cent said they trusted British Airways less than at the beginning of the Nineries. Bad news, too, for Shell and Marks & Spencer, with 18 per cent saying they had less trust in the companies than five years ago.

Agencies must be careful what they say about their clients in their advertising, in case it is in conflict with reality and with what the public think about them," Nick Jones, a planner at O&M, says.

ADVERTISING.

HALE and Pace, the comedy duo, are to try their hand at advertising. The BBC is planning to mount a TV series based on Jobs for the Girls. which starred the Birds of a Feather pair Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson. The follow-up, to be called Jobs for the Boys, will throw Hale and Pace into a variety of

supposedly male professions. The plan is to send the comedians to work in an advertising agency for several weeks, where they will be charged with writing and filming a commercial for a live client. The ultimate aim is for the ad to be screened.

The Beeb has approached several agencies to host the initiative, including Bartle Bogle Hegarty. However, the

BBH no doubt makes more then one executive shudder.

HARD on the heels of the second Test against Pakistan we hear of Dickie Bird, the umpire, offering himself up

Dickie's agent, Nick Leigh at Derek Block Promotions, is promoting the much-loved umpire's trademark Yorkshire wit and honesty to agencies in an attempt to land his first commercial.

"He said to me 'Ey lad, 14 love to do an advertisement so i've started talking to several ad agencies. He'd be good for a Hovis commercial or something very English,' Mr Leigh suggests.

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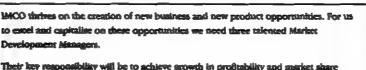
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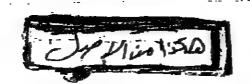
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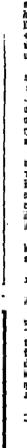
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Men did not like the impossibly attractive Nick Kamen getting his kit off in the launderette for Levi 501s, although they were rather tickled by the Carling Black Label remake

How to sell to the lads

n old French crooner turns to face you from the television set, his arm wrapped around a mystery blonde half his age, whose face we cannot see. "Ah wurr Mandate because it's sexy and sophistisated," her purrs. After a lecherous pause, he adds: "Don't wurry, she's ma waff." And you're out of the door before you can say "Sacha Distel". down to the chemist for a Bottle of this miracle lotion

Selling things to men used to be so easy. You just name checked the product - car, beer, cigarette, after-shave and told them that it would help them to get women into bed. A sure thing if there ever

But manifestations of New Man, on the back of a marketing drive to make political correctness sexy. fudged things a bit in the early 1990s. when men were briefly enguraged to get in touch with their feminine side. And now, the hooligan beast in all of us suitably exorcised, we are being encouraged to get back into football and fights, and whistle at women in the street. Notions of what constitutes a man have become so confused. in fact, that a conference is being held to sort things out.

For an entry fee of £440, you can go to Men Behaving Normally at Stamford Bridge. home of Chelsea FC, on October 16 and attend "a one-day conference on marketing to younger men"

The organisers have identified a crisis-point. "Beery. cheery, leery," reads the programme, "today's young male

THERE are more than 1,200

regional newspapers in Britain, many edited with the

flair and professionalism of

They sell about 70 million copies a week and are read

by nine out of ten Britons.

Advertisers spend nearly 52

billion a year in them - more

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Study their sales, however,

and the simplistic conclusion

would be that regional news-

papers are a smokestack

industry in seemingly relent-

less decline. Sales have de-

clined at about 2 per cent a

year for years. Fifteen years

ago there were 79 evening

newspapers selling nearly 6

million copies a day. Now

there are 72 and they sell 4.3

Giles Coren is as confused as the advertisers are about what real men

should aspire to in the late **Nineties**

is the diametric opposite of the much-heralded New Man." Insights are promised into "the phenomenon of young men and what turns them on and what lads become . . . It is just about possible to see what they're talking about.

Anyone who remembers "Denim -- for the man who doesn't have to try too hard" and "Old Spice - the mark of a man" can see that the advertisements for Escape by Calvin Klein, in which an androgynous man-child ponces about in a white corridor with an emaciated super-model, have arrived from a different marketing planet altogether.

But then there are the Renault Megane ads, in which a car and its driver exchange comments about women's legs, and the Peugeot 306 one which has the woman saying "Wanna show me what it can do?" before falling into an upholstery-clutching orgasmic

henzy.
What is a young man to do to fulfil the lifestyle dream?



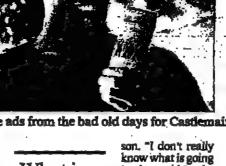
Less than subtle ads from the bad old days for Castlemaine XXXX (left) and Denim

Wash up or beat up? Love or lech? The confusion What is a has come about since the arrival of young the lads' maga zines, like Loaded, man to do FHIM and Maxim," says Stefano — wash Hatfield, the editor of Campaign, which is co-spon-

The old 'New Man' maga-zines, GQ and Esquire, are taking a back seat. and the question we want to answer is 'What turns young men on?"

'In the early Nineties Rover showed a man using his car to send his baby to sleep. The sexism and crassness of oldfashioned car advertising had to be subdued - advertisers tied themselves in knots to avoid saying that men found women sexy. Now it is OK again, as long as it is disguised as irony."

Chairing the debate is Max-



know what is going to be said," she admits. The lad magazine createri a phenomenon in the market, but men themselves have never changed. They always got pissed, and liked a nice bit of totty. "The one thing we do know is that

men react very badly to square-jawed hunks holding babies, himbos working out, and men in expensive suits which they could never afford. That eventually got up people's noses. Now it is recognised that humour is the best way to sell

things to men." Thus, presumably, we did not like the impossibly attractive Nick Kamen getting his kit off in the launderette - but we were rather tickled by the Carling Black Label remake, in which two fat, beery lads scorned him for not removing

"You have to be careful with generalisations," says Ms Hudson. "The 'new man' and the 'new lad' are really just two. extremes that co-exist in most

ndeed, the question of what a man is supposed to be is an issue so confused Castlemaine has just binned its cocksure "Australians wouldn't give a XXXX for any other lager" campaign, for something considerably more subtle, not to say zeitgeisty. It is spending £1 million to show nine 30-second advertisements during the Stalione film Demolition Man on Saturday. each one representing a different vision of the male consumer. We see successive images of the beer-drinker as a sexual success, a sexual failure, a man on a motorbike, a man on a bicycle, a beautiful young man, an ugly fat man and so on. The campaign is humorous, and the series is clearly meant to be some sort of postmodern joke. But the abiding

if you read the ads closely, the dynamic has not Think of Mr Muscle, Skinny

sprays this stuff on and hey prestol Product message: Mr Muscle cleans windows quite well. Social message: only wimps do housework

simply have no idea what men

flected than in those commer-

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out a duster in a man's hand

Nowhere is this better re-

aspire to any more.

Think of Persil washing-up liquid. Robbie Coltrane washes up to please his gran. The reason we do not laugh at Coltrane is because we know that he is really Fitz from Cracker, and is liable to headbutt us to death.

Most curning of all are the Flash ads featuring Karl Howman, formerly the cheeky Lothario of the sitcom Brushstrokes. It is the old DIY in return for sexual favours equation. He does the housework, but only in return for the smoothy attentions of a woman. Not only that, but he is. like all "blokes", lazy, and has tricked her into the embrace by buying Flash. He is smarter than her and better at buying effective products. The woman is still the one in the commercial who gets all excited about a sparkly clean floor. How different is he really from the Loaded stereotype who goes to a nightchub and tricks a girl into bed by pretending he

That is why the new re-

It's good to talk when you have something to say

Dan Ehrlich on why a US radio formula has failed in Britain

discussed in Britain, the term shock/shlock jock -American, but not widely used in the United States pops up. It has become an lating talk radio's relative unpopularity within the

industry.
This is illustrated by the fact that Britain has only two commercial 100 per cent speech-based stations (Talk Radio and LBC) and one with 51 per cent speech content (Scott FM).

A lot of this has to do with the pre-eminence of the BBC and its plethora of with most things radically new here, fear of the un-known embeds itself among radio's power brokers.

And, of course, there's the fear of too much power in the hands of the people. Talk radio represents democracy in ac-

tion - which could mean trou-The biggest ble for the Government. So they challenge settle for music radio or cosy, untoday is challenging for people reality is that a true talk radio format has yet to be tried here.

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On KFI Radio in Los Angeles, lawyer Bill Handie does not dart from one banal subject to another in his daily four-hour show. He spends an hour on "mad real? Should America have troops in Bosnia and should speaking English be made mandatory throughout the US? He gets the ball rolling with an often lengthy disser-

tation on the topic before Handle is a liberal so, to ers, he's followed by the now legendary conservative Rush Limbaugh, who speaks the language that many Americans, especially white ones, want to hear.

isn't very funny — except for some of his views. radio is about, a strong political and current affairs base, reflecting all parts of the spectrum and anchored by popular light relief

Unfortunately, Limbaugh

shows — agony aunts, sports, legal advice, etc. Four years ago, the "old" LBC FM station was getting close to a proper talk operation with presenters such as Richard Littlejohn, Mike Cariton, Frank Bough, Angela Rippon and Andrew

WHENEVER talk radio is Neil. The problem was that they had lots of hard talking but too few phone calls.

The biggest challenge for a programme today is to be noticed on an ever more crowded radio dial, for people to stop and listen. But how long they will listen is the second hurdleminutes or hours?

People can tune in and tune off a light relief show without a thought However, a stimulating show highlighted by a running dialogue with a celebrity guest and the public is another matter. It can rivet you or bore you, but won't When the then Talk

Radio UK went on air 18 months ago it had a diverse collection of presenters, few fully qualified to talk on news and current affairs.

had, in the wake of "shock jock" hysteria, given up any pretena station devoted to hard issues and provocative answers.

mouths after the first broadcast, Talk Radio was grabbing 2.3 million listeners, ironically right

where it is today. In fact it has taken 18 months, two holding companies, three programme controllers and a reported £18 million in losses to appoint a well qualified station chief.

Under Paul Robinson, formerly head of strategy and development at the BBC, Talk Radio may climb towards its potential as a current affairs-based station. But any media venture is not a good bet in this

There is an enormous market for radio phone-in shows that will be tapped وأوه when innovative people are willing to take risks by initiating formats. They, in turn, must hire qualified professionals who tising, work with and inspire staff and develop turns the listeners on. Unfortunately, such people appear to be thin on the ground here.

Dan Ehrlich is a veteran American foreign correspondent and long-time London resident who, for a year, presented a weekly news-based current affairs show on Talk Radio

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are also 400 fewer traditional local weeklies. Although we tend to dis-

miss them affectionately as local rags or freesheets, regional and local newspapers are one of Britain's unsung success stories. As Thomson, Reed, Emap and, last week, Pearson (owner of Westminster Press) have decided to quit, regional newspapers have become a glamour industry, attracting £1.3 billion in investment over the past 12 months from some of the sharpest money men in the

Evening papers in the big cities have been hit the Trinity International hardest. At best, sales of the Holdings, owners of the evening papers in Liverpool, Liverpool Post and Liverpool Birmingham, Leeds and Echo, bought most of the Thomson Group for £327 Manchester are only 60 per cent of what they were 20 million. The Barclay brothyears ago. The Manchester Evening News sold 361,000 ers bought The Scotsman for £90 million and Lord copies in 1975. Now it sells Rothermere's Northcliffe 180,000. Only a few smaller Newspapers bought the papers - in areas such as Aberdeen Press and Journal Shropshire, Torquay, Col-chester, Peterborough, Carfor £82 million. Supported by Kohiberg Kravis Roberts, lisle and Gloucestershire have bucked the trend. There



Britain's biggesti, Cinven, the Coal Board pension fund, and Newsquest, a company set up by a management buyout, bought Reed's regional newspapers for £205 million and Westminster Press for £305 million. Scottish Television, in which the Mirror Group has a stake, has bought The Herald in Glasgow. Johnston Press. based in Edinburgh and still run by a Johnston, spent £21i

million on Emap's 65 titles The result is that the destiny of Britain's regional newspapers is no longer a peripheral concern of mainly international conglomerates but is under the control of editors, and "mainlines" on

managers reared in the regional newspaper industry, and with a flerce belief in the future of local newspapers and even, it seems, of journalism as well as profit.

One of them is Jim Brown, chairman and chief executive of the Newsquest Media Group, once himself a journalist and now the third biggest publisher of regional newspapers. At £20 million last year. Newsquest's profits were up 38 per cent on the year (and Trinity's up 20 per cent to £27 million). Newsquest is investing £10 million a year in new electronic systems, holds regular brain-storming sessions with

according to Mr Brown. Three in four of its titles are already on the Internet. He expects stronger links with the delivery of electronic information and more alliances with local radio. There are several reasons why managers such as Jim

Brown and Philip Graf at Trinity, or owners like Lord Rothermere and Fred Johnston, believe in local newspapers. One is that they are a powerful brand, reaching into the homes of 60 to 80 per cent of the British population every day and 60 to 80 per cent of any region of Britain every week. In the West Country, Northcliffe owns the Western Morning News covering Devon, Comwall and Somerset, evening papers in Exeter and Plymouth, a stake in the Bristol Evening Post, three weeklies in Comwall and one in North Devon, as well as an

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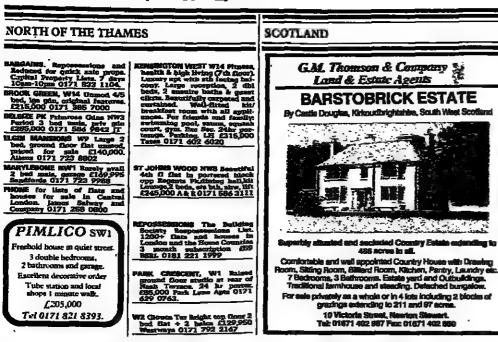
gional newspaper tycoons refer to their papers as fran-chises, which will develop into "regional information businesses", with access to millions of bomes and huge databases on local business, advertisers, subscribers, entertainment, motor dealers and estate agents.

They believe that their brand can only become

stronger as the communications industry explodes over the next decade and as the big and small groups form strategic alliances. With smaller, fragmented audiences watching up to 200 television channels, listening to still more radio stations, and electronic information delivered on interactive television sets, they think regional information businesses will be the best means of delivering the niche or regional audiences advertisers

"Commentators tend to describe regional newspapers derisively as a 'mature' industry," says Dugal Nisbet-Smith, director of the Newspaper Society. "If maturity means vision, commitment and professionalism, that's OK with us." Westcountry

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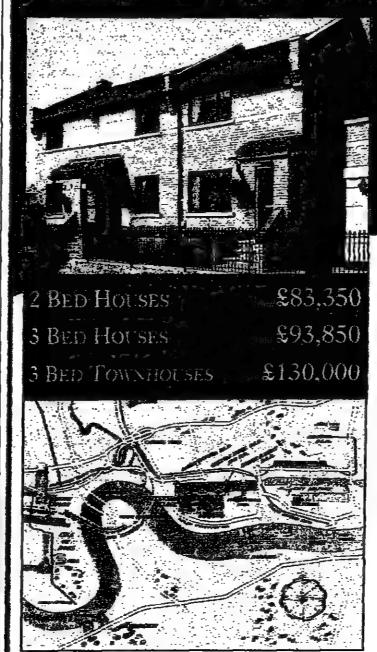
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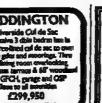
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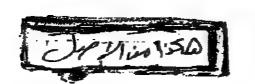


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Rachel Kelly looks at how the architectural achievement of the original Goldfinger is now recognised as part of our national heritage

A modern house in which we can Trust

The feel is

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n unusual addition has joined the National Trust's stable of statelies: the Hampstead home of the late Modernist architectect, Emo Goldfinger.

Number 2 Willow Road, overlooking the Heath, opened to the public earlier this year for the first time. The National Trust sign seems incongruous as one approaches the squat brick building

at the bottom of the curving hill, the central portion of a terrace of three houses.

Yet the Trust insists that it is embracing the Modern Movement. As the curator, Harriet Me-Kay, says, there has been enormous interest in the house from the Trust's 2.3 million members. Tours throughout the day three times a week are routinely full. "Our members are

not only interested in conventional historic houses, but in all types of architecture," she says. "This house has great educational potential which we are beginning to realise. It can be a force for fostering deeper understanding of Modernism."

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the cliché of a white box, but Willow Road is built of sombre brown brick. It bears witness to a Classical strain in Modernism, a desire for order and proportion. Goldfinger himself compared the house's proportions to those of the 18th

The opposition to these houses is a misapprehension," he wrote in a letter to the Evening Standard after criticism of his decision to pull

down four 18th-century cottages to make way for the terrace.

Ironically, the opposi-tion was led by Henry Brooke, who was then secretary of the Hampstead Heath and Old Hampstead Preservation Society. Yet in 1994 his son Peter, then Heritage Secretary, presented the house to the National Trust after accepting it in lieu of inheritance tax after the

The houses are designed as a modern adaptation of the 18thcentury style and are far more in keeping with the beautiful Downshire Hills houses round the corner than their neighbours in

death of Goldfinger's widow, Ursu-



No 2 Willow Road, inside and out "The terrace goes infinitely better with the Georgian past of Hampstead than anything Victorian," said Nikolaus Pevaner

Willow Road," Goldfinger continued. "As for the objection that the houses are rectangular, only the Eskimos and the Zulus build anything but rectangular houses."

Nikolaus Pevsner later agreed: "Here is a contemporary style in an uncompromising form, yet by the use of brick and by sheer scale the terrace goes infinitely better with the Georgian past of Hampstead than anything Victorian.

The designs were drawn up in 1937 for a larger central house for the Goldfingers' home between two slightly smaller houses that would be sold to finance the project.

Born in Budapest at the turn of the century, Goldfinger - whose name was used by Ian Fleming for one of James Bond's most famous enemies - gained an avant-garde reputation in Paris before moving

to Britain in 1934. Goldfinger built His wife remained there until she on a heroic scale, his career gathering momentum in the 1980s. His most famous existing buildings include Trellick Tower, in north Kensington, and Balfron Tower, in Tower Hamlets. Despite subsequent criticism of high-rise blocks, residents appreciate the perfect proportions of the flats within. Trellick Tower is now a fashionable

Alexander Fleming House, another Goldfinger Constructiviststyle office complex at Elephant and Castle in south London, the former headquarters of the Depart-ment of Health and Social Security, is to be converted into 422 flats, it was announced last month. Willow Road was home to

Goldfinger till his death in 1987.

address among young artists and

died early in 1991. It is still largely unalterted, although the Trust's restoration has included the conversion of what were once servants" quarters in the lower levels into a flat in Modernist style which is let, and one garage has made space for an audio-visual display. The feel is entirely of the house as

the home it was to the Goldfingers at the end of their lives. There is no attempt to create a museum. Goldfinger's accumulation of paintings. artefacts, books and paraphernalia are not trapped in display cases. His study is full of his books, boxfiles, periodicals and mundane bits of string that evoke the architect's everyday life. Sitting on one crowded shelf is the architect August Perret's hat.

Inside, the house combines prac-

ticality with restful design. It has a system of moveable partitions, set round the toplit fixed cantilevered spiral staircase that takes up the least possible space. There is a compact kitchen on the first floor adjacent to the dining room, with screens that retract to link the living room, studio and dining room as required. The top storey has two children's bedrooms on either side of a namey's room, which can be opened up to make

one huge nursery.
Goldlinger designed most of the house's furniture. Here are his safari chairs in the living room. there are cabinets using the new materials of Bakelite and Formica. Even the dolls' house that Goldfinger designed for his daugh-ters is Modernist.

The interior walls are either

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making an investment, do

some thorough investigation

first. "Look at capital values

and rental values, and study

the socio-economic profile of the area," advises Mr Newey.

"Ask questions such as: what's

the local unemployment rate

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painted brightly, emphasising the light, or are clad in waxed oak to display some of the Goldfingers' works of art. The first-floor landing is bright red gloss paint, continued on to the door of the dining room, set against the grey and terracotta of the dining-room wall. Throughout, storage and display spaces are built in: a deep windowsill runs the length of the dining room and studio. A fixed wooden frame in the sitting room acts as a display for art by Goldfinger's contemporaries, Max Ernst, Henry Moore and

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And be aware that, however

many precautions you take, an

investment in property will

always have an element of

risk. "If you're not willing to

take risks, you won't get the

income," says Mr Newey. "But

some risks are perceived. For

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Mr Beilin agrees: "We run a

joint venture operation which

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On millionaires' row

Rachel Kelly and Amanda Loose on rich pickings

The rich do things differently, and how they buy houses is no exception. There are almost 400 houses for sale in London, each worth more than £1 million, according to the buying agents Property Vision, with about 35 million-olus houses for sale elsewhere in Britain. (This excludes estates with agri-

cultural land.) Unlike most others, the very rich routinely pay cash and there are none of the usual delays caused by the need to raise a mortgage, with the subsequent need for a building society valuation, survey or a bridging loan, says Richard Crosthwaite of Knight Frank's Mayfair office. "From agreeing terms to a binding exchange of contracts can take as little as

two or three days." Simon Barnes is still amazed at the £7 million sale his agents, Lassmans, curried out last year. An international businessman sent his finder to view a property in May 1995. A month later his solicitor contacted the agents, pre-suming terms had been agreed. This was on a Monday, and the buyer wanted to move in the following Saturday. But we were able to persuade the vendors he was serious with a letter from his solicitor giving details of who he was. It was all done in 36 hours."

ut the rich are often Becceptionally choosey. This is often a second, third or even fourth home, and such buyers need to be handled with supreme care, says Mr Barnes. "Someone will arrive by

private jet, wanting to look at properties that day. They usually have a schedule which changes by the minute and could fly out of London that evening. We might not hear from them for a year," he says. Should you be lucky

enough to own a house worthy of such attraction, buyers will often pay well over the odds for something they really want, says Peter Young of John D. Wood's Kensington Office.

Jonathan Hewlett of Savills agrees: "People tend more and more to need the property now and might buy it today at next year's price if it is the right commodity."

Much of the market operates privately. "Potential buyers want confidentiality and discretion more than anything else. Some of the best houses are not marketed at all." But here are some



Aubrey House W8 (Knight Frank). Grade II* listed house with one of the largest includes listed Regencystyle terrace of 3 houses, built in 1950s, Freehold.



£10 million 29 Chesham Place SW1 (Aviesford and Knight Frank). With more than 30 rooms, this Grade II listed Belgravia house has period features. including a folly added by Lord Waterlow. Freehold.



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Shawcroft Park, nets Winchester (Savills and Lane Fox). Grade II* house on the banks of the River Itchen. set in 23.95 acres. Built in 1685, 8 principal and 6 secondary bedrooms.



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25 million (offers) 6 Palace Green Wil (Savills). Designed by Reed & Macdonald, this 1910 house is opposite Kensington Palace, Thirteen bedrooms, carriage driveway and staff eccommodation.



EA.SS million 1 Cumberland Place, Regent's Park (Knight Frank). Grade I listed, built in 1826 under the direction of John Nash. Seven bedrooms, swimming pool; 75-year lease granted in 1990.



E4 million Furneux Petham Hall Estate, Hertfordshire (Knight Frank). Grade II* listed hall, including Grade II listed farmhouse and more than 735 acres, Lake and swimming pool,

he image may not be appealing, the glamour factor nil. But for those by? And once you've decided to Go downmarket for invest, you must find a good local property manager. Make sure they are professionally qualified, then check their many happy returns track record. An above sverage manager should have

looking to make a high-yield rental investment, there can be opportunities at the lower end of the property market. Rather than looking at expensively swagged Knightsbridge apartments, why not consider a studio in Streatham? "Investors are achieving ex-

cellent returns through pur-chasing cheap, unmodernised or downtrodden property, refurbishing it at low cost and letting it over a sustained DECTION. reports winkworth agent Nick Harrington. "We unmodernised three-bedroom flat in a purpose-built block to an investor for £29,950. It will be let to three sharers for a combined figure of around £650 a month, showing a gross annual return of more than 25 per cent." The reason for such returns

is low capital value. Purposebuilt flats are less popular with buyers than period con-versions, so their prices are lower - but they attract the same rents and therefore give a higher yield. The downside is that purpose built flats generally have a relatively high annual service charge, in this case, £1,200. Not only does this eat into the income stream, it will make the flat more difficult to sell. However, says Mr Harrington, investors are buying properties not to do up and sell on, but to hold on to for a

Ian Dickson, in Winkworth's Shepherds Bush office, also reports interest in downmarket properties. He has just sold a pair of "scruffy" flats above a shop to an investor for £145,000. They need £20,000 worth of work. and then should achieve a

SIX weeks ago, Melanie

Meigh, 34, bought a two-

bedroom flat in Streatham,

south London, for £42,000.

She spent another £1.029 on

solicitor's fees, insurance and

new forniture, and then, using

the agency she works for

Winkworth's, advertised for

tenants at £520 a month. The

very next day, the flat was let.

"I completed the purchase at

12 noon," says Ms Meigh,

and at 1.30pm the tenant

Such a triumph has the

project been that she is plan-

ning several more. "It's a great

investment," she says. "It

gives me a rental income and

eventually should prove a

good capital investment, too.

I'm intending to buy another

four or five similar properties

over the next year, using

The key to her success, she

thinks, was choosing the right

property in the first place.

inevitably helped by her job expertise. Two bedroom flats

are ideal," she says, "because

they rent out well and sell well

and they don't have the main-

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moved in."

"Investors tend to be private landlord by direct debit, which individuals with a little bit of "actually enhances the security capital," he says. "Most are of the investment.

men in their forces and fifties who want to augment their pension fund." Outside London, the capital

es are even lower. In areas of Liverpool, terraced houses can be snapped up for prices as low as £15,000-£20,000. The basic market rent, according to Stan Beilin, of property group TRB Estates, yield of at least 17

per cent. As Michael Newey, bead of residential investment at Savilla puts it: "You could take out a mortgage for 70 per cent of the price, and in theory put the rest on a credit card, just about make a profit without putting down a penny of capital."

The snag is that whereas in London you might hope for -or even specify - professional tenants, in Liverpool they are more likely to be students or DSS claimants - both traditionally seen as problems by landlords. However, accord ing to Mr Newey, neither category should be ruled out.

"People on housing benefit are perceived as troublesome tenants, who will damage the property," he says, "But largely that doesn't happen. And in many cases the housing bene-

What may not be a good address could prove a great investment, says Madeleine Wickham

"I like students. Of course, they may not have learnt to look after themselves very well; housework may not hapn. Fou will have to callic into your financial equation an annual repair bill. But student rems generally fall between £35 and £55, wherever they are. So you can invest in a property with a very los

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still achieve £35 per 'If you're student." The danger with buying a house and filling it with not willing students is that you to take might find it defined by the local risks, you authority as a house in multiple won't get occupation", falling under a series the income of stringent safety

> HMO is "the house which is occupied by persons who do not form a single household". Whether your investment counts as one may depend on anything from the stance of the local authority to whether

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your tenants share a cereal packet. According to Margaret Evans, of the House in Multiple Occupation Action Group, the new Housing Bill contains provisions that will make HMOs economically unfeasible, and force smaller land-

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more opportunities. And, she says, she's not alone: "I know of several others who are doing exactly the same thing. If you've got the money, why have it sitting in a building society when you could be getting nice high returns?

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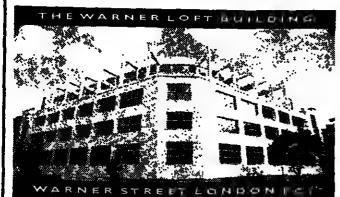
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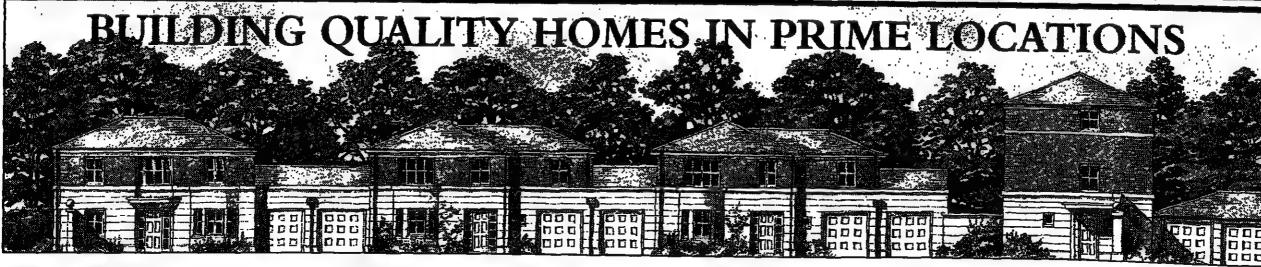
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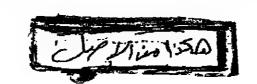
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City schemes on increase

The steady improvement in the London office market has continued into the summer, with the amount of available space falling and the number of speculative schemes increasing.

The property advisers DTZ Debenham Thorpe, in their first developers' survey for 15 months, conclude: "Developers are more confident about proceeding with speculative schemes in prime central London locations than at any time since the late 1980s."

Overall, availability of office space fell 2 per cent to 18.5 million sq ft in central London during the three months to June, while a 6 per cent reduction in take-up compared with the previous quarter masks a long-term average increase.

DTZ says that evidence to support a continued increase in confidence among developers is illustrated by the expected completion level of speculative office schemes in 1999 of 3.4 million sq ft, an increase of nearly 850,000 sq ft compared with the last survey. During the past 15 months, the availability of office space has fallen by 10 per cent.

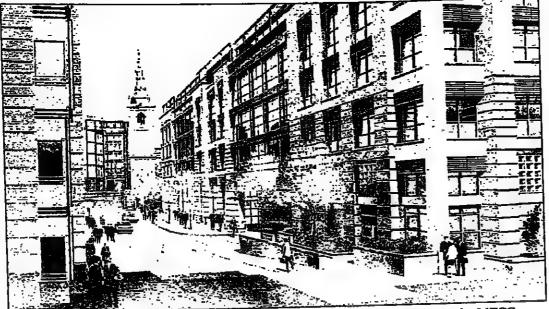
The increase in speculative development is a combination of falling availability, increasing takeup and rising rents. The volume of speculative space under constructen is just over 2 per cent — half the long-term average. The City (3.2 per cent) and West End (2.4 per cent) have the highest proportions. Supporting DTZ's conclusions,

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Christopher Warman finds speculation rife among developers



An artist's impression of One Carter Lane, London EC4, a new development by MEPC

the consultant Chesterton reports that four new schemes, totalling 277,700 sq ft, were completed in the City in the three months to the end of June, almost double the level of the previous quarter. Three schemes were speculative, the largest being British Land's 164,000 sq

ft Corn Exchange building in EC3. Chesterton says the increase in City completions coincided with a

drop in the level of new starts.

During the second quarter, work started on six speculative buildings, totalling 139,000 sq ft, a fall of 87 per cent on the previous quarter. Office space under construction in the City fell 4 per cent to 3.1 million sq ft, but the figure still represents a higher total than the quarterly

average last year.

The West End took over as the most active market for starts, with seven new schemes, totalling

490,000 sq ft, begun. The largest is Development Securities's Curzon Street House in WI, which will provide 203,000 sq ft of speculative space. New starts were up 67 per cent, boosting the total under construction in the West End to 2.1

million sq ft. Despite the fall of almost one third in the level of office take up in the second quarter, take-up in central London is set to exceed last

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year's levels, according to Knight Frank Research. The take-up of around 6.3 million sq ft in the first half of 1996 is equivalent to 61 per cent of the annual total for 1995.

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Stephen Newbold, partner with Knight Frank Research, commented: "Despite the fall of almost one third in take-up in the second quarter, the market remains on target to exceed last year's total. Whether this will be achieved is, in part, dependent upon the achievement of more major pre-lets, which were noticeably absent in the second quarter. Further large precommitments are expected during the second half of 1996."

ingleby Trice, in its monthly City floorspace survey, bears this out, in July the office take-up was 364,558 sq ft, 58 per cent above the June figure, with notable space taken at Bankside House, Leadenhall Street, EC3, America Square, EC3, and Cannon Centre, Cannon Street, EC4.

Recent transactions include the purchase of the landmark building Sea Containers House on the south bank of the Thames by Blackfriars Bridge for £102 million from Allied Domecq Pension Fund.

In one of the largest speculative funding transactions in years, MEPC has funded the development of 126,600 sq ft of offices at One Carter Lane and 6,200 sq ft of restaurant and wine bar accommodations at Two Old Change Court, Petershill, London EC4, with Hermes. The development will worth nearly £60 million.

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Bishop back in Deanery

THE Old Deanery, opposite St Paul's Cathedral, will again be home to the Bishop of London after more than a decade as commercial offices. The Grade I listed building, designed by Sir Christopher Wren, was used as the Deanery until 1977. In 1983, Haslemere, in partnership with the Local Authority Mutual Investment Trust, restored it, adding an air-conditioned office extension, and pre-let it to FennoScandia Bank.

Last year the bank decided to vacate the premises, and was advised by Gooch & Wagstaff for its disposal.

The Church Commissioners, advised by Cluttons, have taken the building, and work is under-way to convert the top floor for the Bishop, the Rt Rev Richard Chartres, and his family. The lower floors will remain as recep-tion and hospitality facilities, and offices for the staff.

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A young vicar regarded as a potential leader of the Church of England was stabbed to death outside his church in Anfield, Liverpool, yesterday after giving advice to a man with a history

The Rev Christopher Gray, 32, was left lying in a pool of blood by his assailant, who then tried to abduct a young mother from her home, before fleeing in her carPage I

Four escape as executive jet crashes

Four people escaped death when an executive jet overshot a runway as it landed at RAF Northolt and crashed into a van on a dual carriageway. The plane's passenger, Lisa Hogan, an Irish actress friend of John Cleese, escaped with shock and an injured ankle after the Learjet tore through the airfield fence and hit the van on the A40...

Gun ban 'inevitable'

A ban on the private possession of handguns in Britain appeared inevitable after the Government hinted that it would overrule Tory MPs who have opposed prohibition and Labour promised laws to prevent people having firearms in .. Pages 1, 2 their homes ...

Graduate murdered A young woman who was cele-

brating her graduation from university was murdered and her body set alightPage 3

Staying in Morocco

Two British teenagers sentenced to five years in a Moroccan jail for drug trafficking are unlikely to be allowed home to serve their sentences. ..Page 3

Health hurdle

Heavy-drinking women, schoolchildren who smoke and the overweight of both sexes are ruining Stephen Dorrell's drive to create a healthy nation... Page 4

Portillo dispute

Michael Portillo was caught in an embarrassing dispute as his constituents urged him to block plans to turn his local Conservative association offices into a McDonald's restaurantPage 5

Alcohol warning

The parents of a schoolgirl who died after a secret drinking session at a holiday camp party warned other young people of the dangers of alcoholPage 6

Nuclear disclosure

There have been about 20 incidents involving British nuclear weapons since 1960, the Ministry of Defence said.

Uneasy truth

The Chechen truce declared by General Aleksandr Lebed, the Russian security chief, had an uneasy birth as sporadic fighting continued in Grozny....... Page 7

French cash demand

The state body co-ordinating the sale of assets from Credit Lyonnais, the troubled French bank, has asked the Government for more cash to supplement a rescue package that is already one of the most expensive in the country's history...

Challenge to EU

Eleven Danes will mount a fresh court challenge to test the validity of the country's membership of the European Union Page 8

Powell boosts Dole

Bob Dole rejoiced after his Republican Party, responding to an inspirational speech by General Colin Powell, took a giant step towards shedding its extremist image on the opening night of its convention.

Adulation for Castro

Fidel Castro, the Cuban leader. quietly celebrated his 70th birthday at home. Quite where that is few know, as he has a number of

Chaining a guard at Buckingham Palace

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Electricity: The National Grid was told to make price cuts which would knock £5 off the average annual household bill for four .Page 23

Pay: Sir Stanley Kalms, the chairman of Dixons, the electrical retailer, received a pay package of £865,000 last year, an increase of 29 ..Page 23

House prices: Halifax Building So-

ciety launched a scheme to remove the risk of negative equity for firsttime housebuyers...Page 23 Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 20.1 points to close at 3823.4. Sterling's trade-weighted index remained unchanged at 84.6 after a slip from \$1.5518 to \$1.5508 but a slight rise from DM2.2897 to

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Cricket: Despite a century from

Alec Stewart, Surrey were beaten by four wickets by Essex in the NatWest Trophy semi-final. Essex will play Lancashire in the ... Page 44

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Football: Wimbledon's match against Manchester United on Saturday celebrates ten years in the top flight of English football for an unglamorous club of limited Page 40

Racing: Peter Savill, a leading owner, blamed the lack of strong leadership for divisions within the ..Page 39

Rugby League: Martin Offiah, the former Wigan wing, has been left out of the Great Britain party to tour Papua New Guinea, Fiji and New Zealand. Page 41

Stepping in: Mikhail Baryshnikov. the former Kirov Ballet star, will show his modern dance troupe at ... Page 30 the Coliseum.

Street wise: The stand-up comedian Tony Burgess brings first-hand experience to Comfortable Shoes. his new Edinburgh Fringe play about the young homeless of Man-.. Page 31

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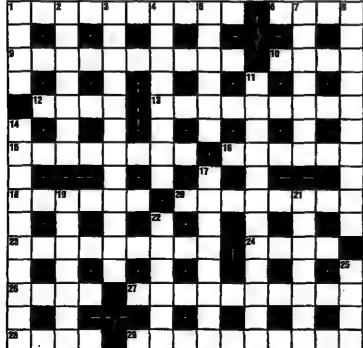
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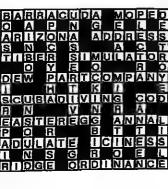
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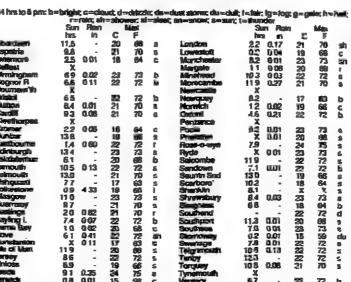
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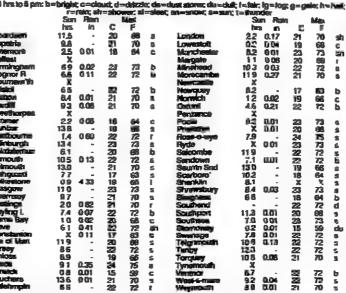
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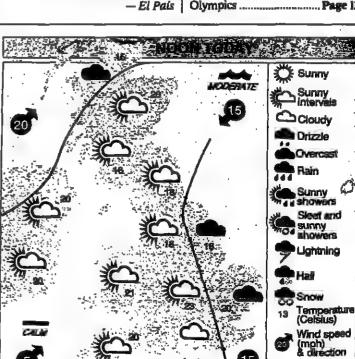
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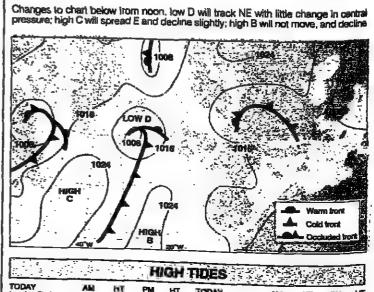
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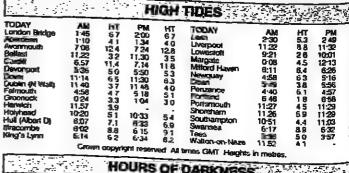
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Halifax offers guarantee against negative equity

By ROBERT MILLER

BRITAIN'S biggest mortgage lender today launches an initiative which will guarantee that first-time buyers will not fall into the negative equity trap. The move from the Halifax Building Society is intended to

restore confidence among young buyers.

Optimism at the recent trend of steadily rising house prices has been tempered by concerns that interest rates, which are at their lowest for more than 30 years, could well increase by the end of the year and hit number of homes caught in the negative equity trap, with loans larger than the value of the property, from its height of more than

one million just over a year ago.

First-time buyers have always been regarded as a vital engine to any sustainable recovery in the housing market. They increase the number of pure housing transactions as opposed to straightforward re-mortgaging deals that so many homeowners have opted for in recent years.

Under the terms of the new deal, if a firsttime Halifax borrower decides to move

is in negative equity, the Halifax will sell the property on behalf of its customer and fully repay the home loan. The society, which plans to become a bank next year, added: The customer will not have to repay any shortfall or carry this over to a new

mortgage."
Other features include a £1,000 cashback and loans, on the current standard variable rate of 6.99 per cent, are available up to 95 per cent including a free valuation.

Cover for the Halifax First Time Buyer Guarantee will be provided by a special

Mile Blackborn, charifuse raise of the Halifax, said: This innovative scheme will provide peace of mind and security for prospective home buyers climbing the first step on the home buying ladder."

Initial reactions from rivals in the cut-

throat mortgage market were mixed. John Wriglesworth, a director of the Bradford & Bingley, said: "We will obviously study the scheme closely. But it does seem to be a case of shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted. With rising house prices It

David Holmes, a spokesman for the Yorkshire Building Society, said: "Someone has to pay for the scheme at the end of the day so the price is factored into the package

Margaret Schwarz, chief economist at the Abbey National, said: "The Halifax move appears to be an interesting way of re-packaging cashback and discounted loans."

Regulator condemns pay levels at Grid

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

THE National Grid was average. The efficiency review criticised by its regulator yesterday for excessive pay. His objections were part of a pricing review, which should cut electricity bills by up to £1.2 billion over four years.

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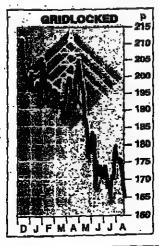
It was harsher than the City spected and would cut electricity bills by an average of £5 a year, more than consumer groups had expected.

The criticism comes weeks after protests about NGC's long-term incentive plan. which could deliver pay and perks packages worth several million pounds to its directors. Last year executives refused to forgo big dividend benefits when the business was Routed.

The share price, which was floated at £2 at the end of last year, fell back 9 p, to 165p, on the planned price curbs.

NGC, which transmits power across the country, reacted strongly to the pricing proposals from Professor Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, which will reduce its prices overall by inflation minus 10 per cent each year for a four-year period. David Jones, chief executive, said the proposals were "ill-founded and unprecedently harsh".

The two sides will now engage in a two-month consultation period to argue about what can be afforded, but Professor Littlechild has highlighted remuneration levels and staffing as two areas that could deliver cost savings in line with his expectations. He said that consultants on the pricing review had identified remuneration as higher than the electricity industry



in his pricing proposals ear-mark "shareholder servicing, bonus schemes and corporate affairs" as offering opportunities for cost saving.

Roger Urwin, managing disaid Professor Littlechild's comments that remuneration topoed the industry average was "an absolutely extraordinary statement".

He said that the initial proposals for the review which will impose a one-off charge on the company nex year of between 20 and 26 per cent and thereafter RPI-4, were punishing the company for past efficiencies: "We've made considerable improvements and with the latest job losses our staffing will have fallen to below half its level when the grid became a separate business."

Professor Littlechild said his expectations of a reduction in operating costs - of between 4 and 6 per cent - were based on what the company had achieved so far. He also said that the company was "wildly out" in its capital expenditure estimates submitted for the last review.

Mr Urwin said further job losses must be a prospect if the review becomes reality, "since jobs are a significant element of operating costs". Mr Jones is to write to Professor Littlechild and the two sides will meet again but the company is unlikely to press for a Monopolies and Mergers Commission referral.

The pricing review, which involved some liaison between Professor Littlechild's staff and their counterparts at the gas watchdog, was tougher than even independently commissioned consumer research had anticipated.

Ken Prior, deputy chairman of the chairmen's group of electricity consumers committees, said his organisation had ordered research hecause they felt Professor Littlechild had been far too lenient in his pricing review three years ago. "We made our own calculation, which would have required an overall rate of RPI-8, so this is much better."

Pennington, page 25



Professor Stephen Littlechild: National Grid pricing proposals yesterday seen as harsh

Strong year persuades Kalms to take 29% rise

By Sarah Cunningham

SIR Stanley Kalms, chairman of Dixons, the electrical retailer, received a pay package worth £865,000 last year, an increase of 29 per cent on the previous twelve months. A performance bonus of

£236,000 and taxable benefits of £21,000 were added to his basic salary of £608,000. The company said that in the previous 12 months he was due to receive £769.000 but had waived £100,000 of his performance-related pay as he thought it would be unfair to

take it in a recession. The company's 35 per cent jump in pre tax profits to £135.2 million for the year ended April 27 clearly persuaded him that such sacrifices were not needed this time around.

Sales in the first ten weeks of the current financial year were up 12 per cent, like-for-like, and up 11 per cent in 1995-96. The company delighted investors by paying a higher than expected dividend of 8.75p per share.

Sir Stanley, 64, was

knighted this year and says he still works a 70 to 80-hour week although John Clare, Dixons chief executive, is now responsible for much of the day-to-day running of the

Mr Clare received a pay package worth £438,000 last year, according to the annual report, a 9 per cent rise on

Dixons, a long-standing contributor to the Conservative Party, last year donated £25,000 to its coffers.

Buxted Chicken spreads its water wings

By PAUL DURMAN

BUXTED CHICKEN, a food processing company that supplies Marks & Spencer, was yesterday the subject of a landmark decision that will bring the first real competition to the water

Buxted is set to become the first water user to be allowed to change supplier. Its factory at Flixton in Suffolk intends to switch from Essex and Suffolk Water, a small private firm, to the neighbouring Anglian Water, one of the large privatised utilities. The change will cut the achieving a better deal for customers

cent, or £44,000 a year. Ofwat, the water regulator, expects to give the final go-ahead after a 28-day consultation period.

The difficulty of transporting water has previously made competition in the industry virtually non-existent. The water companies have therefore enjoyed regional monopolies.

Alan Booker, Ofwat's deputy director, said it was good news that Buxted would be able to take advantage of Anglian's lower charges. He urged the industry to take further steps "towards competition". Frank Dobson MP, Labour's Shad-

ow Environment Secretary, gave warning that the advent of competition should not be allowed to harm the interest of domestic and other small water users. He said: "The regulator must make sure that a water company gaining a large water user does not offer them special treatment at the expense of other customers."

Anglian will have to lay a 6km pipe to connect the Buxted site to its pipe network. A spokesman said it would take about five years for Anglian to

factory's water bill by about 25 per through real and effective start earning a return on its investment. He said the move would allow it to learn more about the implications of increasing competition.

Buxted, part of Hillsdown Holdings, already uses Anglian for sewerage services at the Flixton site. It should receive its first Anglian water next spring. A number of its other sites are within the Anglian region.

Ofwat is currently considering 12 more applications from large water users that wish to change their suppliers. To be able to consider a switch, a firm has to use at least 55 million gallons (250 megalitres) a year.

Sears puts in claim of £30m from Facia

By Sarah Cunningham

UNSECURED creditors of Facia, the privately owned retailing empire built up by Stephen Hinchliffe and now in receivership, are claiming up to £70 million but can expect to get only in the flap in the pound when the liquidation process gets under way best month. Sears, the retail group, says

the Facial holding company was a guaranter of a complex shoe deal indication the group shortly sefore its collapse and has put in a claim for around £30 million.

630 million.

It said that sum may be reduced in the receives any

have meanwhile put in claims receivers said.

Tony Thompson of KPMG, the joint administrative receiver, told a meeting of around 100 creditors yesterday that, after secured credit has been naid back in full, they can expect to receive between £700,000 and £5.6 million.

"I'd be disappointed if we end up close to £700,000 and want to get as near to £5.6 million as we can," Mr Thompson said.

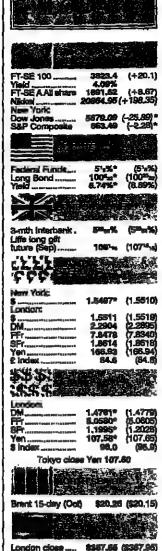
Liquidation is likely to be mid or late September and is dependent on the sale of some remaining properties. The receivers have em-

ployed an agency to help to track down some of the Facia fleet of cars, which was up to 70 strong and is believed to include many classic cars from the personal collection built up by Mr Hinchliffe. The cars the receivers have been able to find have been sold.

Mr Thompson said no au-dited accounts had been received from Facia's directors. but draft accounts show that the group lost £9 million in the first 16 weeks of 1996. The complanies put into receiver-ship were Facia. Sock Shop; Red or Dead, Torq, Oakland, Salisburys and Contessa. Most have been sold, while Forq has been shut down

Mr Thompson said he is in touch with the Serious Fraud Office and South Yorkshire Police about their investigation into the running of Facia prior to receivership and is assisting them. He is also preparing a report on the conduct of the directors which will go to the DII.

In a separate case, the DTI is already attempting to have Mr Hinchliffe struck off as a company director.



Set fair

General Accident, the insurance company, rode out bad weather claims from America to post half-year operating profits of £194 llion, a fall of £63 millio on the same period last year but a figure better than the Page 24, Tempus 26

Implosion

Shares in BOC fell 43p vesterday as the industrial gases company revealed a collapse in orders at Edwards, its vacuum pumps business, caused by the semiconductor industry. Page 25, Tempus 26

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BBC joint venture strengthens Flextech shares

THE BBC's push into the commercial arena is gaining momentum. Yesterday, Flextech, the TV programmer whose cable and satellite channels include UK Gold, Bravo and Playboy TV, confirmed that it was in talks to form a joint venture with the BBC to launch up to six new

channels for the paying public.

No details were disclosed but it appears that
the channels will be devoted to what the BBC does best - documentaries, drama, comedy and news. Flextech will provide the capital required to start the channels, the BBC will provide the content and the two will share the

profits. The deal sent Flextech shares soaring to 501p, up 27p or almost 6 per cent.

A joint venture with Flextech is expected to be the first of many such deals as the BBC attempts to supplement its licence fees with commercial income. The next logical move would be to clone the Flextech joint venture in America, where broadcasters have to scour the world to find enough content to fill hundreds of

Flextech could help the BBC to establish its American beachhead. The company is 50 per cent owned by Tele-Communications Inc of Denver, the world's largest cable company and

one of the largest programme distributors. The speculation is that TCI and the BBC will open negotiations soon to form a joint venture.

British classics such as Fawlty Towers and Jewel in the Crown could become part of US viewing. Kevin Narain, a media consultant at Price Waterhouse, said: "The old classic comedies and the costume dramas tend to go down well in the States. BBC news would also sell well. It is recognised around the world for its high

Indeed, the BBC has said it wants to start a 24-hour news channel and Flextech and TCI seem logical places to start. Expanding the

BBC's commercial interests is the charge of Bob Phillis, who is deputy director-general and chief executive of BBC Worldwide, the two-year-old commercial arm. Income from BBC Worldwide is becoming crucial because the annual licence fee — now £89.50 — is under pressure and the BBC faces enormous costs to buy sports rights analogue to digital.

Mr Phillis has become a roving salesman for BBC products. The BBC will never become a wholly commercial service, but going halfway will give it a better chance of survival in the

JOB insecurity is on the

Nearly three in ten employees have no protection from unfair dismissal, compared with less than one in ten in the 1970s, while only half of employees are em-ployed in workplaces which have union recognition, according to a study by the

Mr Blunkett said that figures from the Labour Force Survey show a 57 per cent increase in temporary workers unable to convert to permanent staff in England, a 42 per cent rise in Wales, a 26 per cent increase in Scotland and a 25 per cent increase in Northern Ireland. The biggest increase regionally was East Anglia, which had seen an 87 per cent increase in temporary workers unable to find per-

The trade union group said that the various forms of labour market deregulation and growth in temporary work exacerbated feelings of insecurity. John Monks, TUC General Secretary, said: "Insecurity is now deeply embedded within the

labour market. "Without convincing plans to tackle these problems, simply expanding the economy will not restore confi-

dence in jobs."

Women's work, page 27

TUC study shows job insecurity is on the increase

increase and temporary workers are finding it tougher to find permanent employment, according to two studies published today.

Trades Union Congress. Meanwhile, David Blunkett, Shadow Education and Employment Secretary, said that there has been a 50 per cent rise in the numbers of temporary workers who have been unable to find a permanent job since the last general election.

manent jobs.

The growth in temporary workers was bolstered by the TUC findings, which deter-mined that less than one in ten of new jobs created over the past three years has been permanent full-time work.

The TUC also found that the "social contract" between employer and employee was breaking down, with only one in four staff trusting their company to keep its promises.

workplace, not just the wider

Twyman will have overall DM44.63 billion in deficit, shortfall on tax revenues. The responsibility for finance and German central bank said that against DM16.66 billion for the development of GA's it was not possible at this stage the same period in 1995. to quantify the the shortfall. The forecast raises further Between January and July, spending rose 14.4 per cent worldwide life operations. The market appeared more doubts about Germany's ability than happy with GA's halfwhile revenue increased only to meet the deficit criteria laid year results and marked the 5.4 per cent. The Bundesbank said in the shares up 14p, to 678p. out in the Maastricht treaty to

report that it would continue join a European single currento monitor M3 money supply

Bundesbank said the deficit to see whether it and other could reach 4 per cent of gross national product — the Maas-would allow room for lower money market rates. The markets are likely to be pleased, at least, that the Bundesbank has not categorically ruled out a rate cut in coming months. The French franc, which has

been under pressure since late last week because of speculation that monetary union may be delayed and fears that Germany will not cut rates further, slid against the mark again yesterday. It traded at 3.4275 to the mark, compared with 3.4263 late on Monday.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

New delay expected on TransCo pricing

A DECISION on pricing controls for TransCo. British Gas's pipeline business, faces a further delay. Rewriting ordered by the regulator was still being carried out yesterday, less than 48 hours before Ofgas had hoped to publish the final figures 48 hours before Otgas had hoped to publish the final figures of the review that angered British Gas and shareholders in its initial form in May. The final proposals have been twice delayed by the watchdog already. Clare Spottiswoode, the industry regulator, returned from holiday on Monday to order rewriting of a substantial number of points in the report. An Ofgas spokesmen said that the tops was being report. An Ofgas spokesman said that the tone was being

altered in some parts.
On Monday, Ms Spottiswoode met Philip Rogerson, deputy chairman of British Gas, in what is believed to be a final encounter before publication of the proposals. The initial plans to curb TransCo's revenues and pass benefits on to customers sparked a ferocious response from the company, which said it would have to halve its 20,000 staff, and provoked 35,000 shareholders to write to the regulator.

£3bn 'value' on B&B

ONLY one fifth of the population is in favour of the ONLY one fitth of the population is in layour of the conversion of building societies into banks, and only one in ten would prefer to receive a one-off windfall from a conversion or merger than benefit from generous savings rates. Even if offered as much as £1,500, only slightly more than half of us would support a hostile bid for their society. These are the conclusions of a MORI survey conducted on behalf of the Bradford & Bingley Building Society which said the findings implied it was bid proof because they would put a price tag of around £3 billion on the society.

Rathbone in £7.5m deal

SHARES in the acquisitive Rathbone Brothers rose 3p to 315p after the private banking and asset management group made an agreed offer for Neilson Cobbold Holdings, the Liverpool stockbroking and investment management group with an initial price tag of £7.5 million. Rathbones, which last year acquired Laurence Keen, the investment manager, will pay for the purchase by issuing a further 24 million ordinary shares, representing 8.77 per cent of the enlarged share capital. A special net dividend worth 48p a share and totalling £1.44 million in value will be paid to Neilson Cobbold shareholders.

Sidlaw names new chief

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SIDLAW, the troubled oil services and packaging group, yesterday named John Durston as its new chief executive, replacing Digby Morrow, who departed suddenly in May. The group, which returned pre-tax losses of £4 million in the half-year to end-March, said it had returned to profitability in the third quarter, with its oil and packaging divisions back in the black. It warned that this recovery, built on savings from its £2.5 million closure of its plant in Washington, Tyne and Wear, was still patchy. Mr Durston, currently a director of Valpak, starts work in October.

UIC in liquidation

THE High Court yesterday appointed Ipe Jacobs and Neil Cooper, partners of Robson Rhodes, the chartered accountant, as joint provisional liquidators to UIC Insurance Company after a winding-up petition was presented to the courts. Robson Rhodes said that UIC directors estimated the insurer had assets of £54 million against total liabilities of £60 million on a continuing run-off basis. Mr Jacobs said: "We intend to assess the financial position of UIC and discuss with interested parties how the interests of the creditors may best be pursued, and particularly the possibility of a Scheme of Arrangement."

Takeover lifts Persona

PERSONA, distributor of PC networking aids, has more than doubled sales and profits after a 24-week contribution from Top Log, its £19.5 million acquisition based in Paris. The enlarged group lifted interim cash balances from £1.44 million to £4.46 million to June 30. Interim pre-tax profit rose to £2.71 million (£1.35 million). On an underlying basis, sales in the UK-based operations were 38 per cent up at £34.1 million. With £31 million generated by Top Log, group turnover was £65.2 million (£24.8 million). A 1.7p interim (1.44p) will be paid on November 29.

VW at the double

PROFITS at Volkswagen, Europe's largest carmaker, more than doubled to DM282 million from DM113 million in the first half of 1996. Sales rose more modestly to DM50.5 billion from DM44.5 billion and the company said it faced "overall difficult operating conditions" but annual profits were still expected to exceed the DM336 million earned in the previous 12 months. Vehicle sales advanced 8.1 per cent to 1.9 million. The company's marques span Volkswagen, Seat, Audi and Skoda.

Epwin sounds retreat

EPWIN, the window and door supplier, is to retreat from public sector work after a series of loss-making council house contracts hit trading in the six months to June 29. The group, which generates 23 per cent of sales from council houses, was hit by a rise in raw material costs and was unable to renegotiate contracts. Restructuring costs of £200,000 contributed to a 23 per cent fall in profits to £2.03 million before tax, in spite of a 3 per cent increase in sales to E34.3 million. The interim, payable on October 14, is held at 2.9p.

VDC leaps to a record

THE booming pet healthcare market lifted trading at VDC, the AIM-listed animal and dental health products group, as it returned record year-end results yesterday. Turnover from Vet Drug, its core veterinary wholesaler, grew 15 per cent, to £55.5 million in the year to May 31. Group sales were 18 per cent ahead at £64.1 million. Overall, pre-tax profits were 26 per cent higher at £1.65 million, lifting earnings to 15.62p (12.66p). A final dividend of 3.825p. payable on October 11, makes a year total of 5.2p (4.75p). Shares rose 8p to a high of 208p.

GA results improve on most City forecasts

By ROBERT MILLER

ing profit of £24 million was

achieved in the second three

months of the year and both

our personal and commercial business units traded profit-

US weather losses in both

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offset improvements in GA's

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Mr Scott said that business

in the Asia-Pacific region was

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GA trimmed losses from its

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On personal lines business,

GA's motor account produced

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per cent increase in written

The insurer's Homeowners

account recovered from early

bad-weather claims to produce a profit of £14 million,

well down on last year's £30 million gain. Subsidence claims doubled to £8 million in

the first six months of the year.

GA also announced vester-

day that Philip Twyman, who

has spent his working life with

the Australian Mutual Provi-

dent Society, will join the Scottish insurer in September

as a group executive director.

As a main board director Mr

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GENERAL ACCIDENT, the been driven by an encouraging all-round performance."

Mr Scott went on: "In the insurance company, rode out bad-weather claims from the United States to post half-year operating profits of £194 mil-UK we continue to manage our business successfully in a lion, a fall of £63 million on the trading environment that has become increasingly competisame period last year. tive. An excellent underwrit-

In spite of the fall GA's halfyear results to June 30 were ahead of the top range of City forecasts, helped by healthy underwriting profits from the UK and Canada. The halfyear dividend rose by 6.5 per cent, to 11.4p a share, payable on or after next January i.

Bob Scott, group chief executive, said that the acquisition in January of Provident Mutual. a rival insurer, "is progressing ahead of plan and reorganisation costs are already making a contribution

He added: "After the firstquarter setback due to adverse weather, the strong recovery in our performance during the second quarter, which produced an operating profit be-fore tax of £138 million, has

Launders transfers loyalties to Leeds

Leeds United has scored a rare victory over Manchester United, the rival Premiership football club, by poaching Robin Launders as its next chief executive. Mr Launders was finance director of Manchester for five years and is credited with helping to redevelop Old Trafford and ensure the

club's commercial success. The arrival of Mr Launders follows the takeover of Leeds by Caspian Group for £16.5 million this year. Before joining Manchester United, Mr Launders worked for Grand Metropolitan and

Reg Vardy, the car dealer. The news had been ex-pected and shares in Manchester United closed unchanged at 454p. Caspian fell lp to 26p, 7.5p above the price at which the shares began trading again on August 3 after

Kane quits

Shares in Business Post, the parcel delivery group, plunged 16p to 439p yester-day on news that Michael Kane, its co-founder and chief executive, had resigned. The company said that Mr Kane, who took over as chief executive in October, is to move to Jersey and has not made any career plans known. Mr Kane, 47, set up the company three years ago with his brother, Peter. In January, Peter resigned as chairman, moving to France with a 60 per cent stake in the group, worth £132 million. Michael takes with him a 14 per cent stake, now worth

Debt rerate

Moody's, the international rating agency, has down-graded about £1 billion of debt held by Guinness, the drinks company, reflecting difficult trading conditions in international markets. Moody's has cut the ratings on the senior unse-cured debt of Guinness and its subsidiaries to Aa3 from Aa2, and the rating on its subordinated debt to Al from Aa3. Moody's said about \$1.65 billion of debt

Abbey National buys car financing firm

ABBEY National is continuing its drive to diversify into areas outside the traditional savings and home loans market with the acquisition of Elton Holdings, the contract car financing company, for

E9.9 million.

The deal, done through First
National Bank, Abbey National's consumer finance arm, complements the purchase last month of Wagon Finance Group, one of the UK's largest

car finance firms. Abbey, which now derives 42.5 per cent of its profits from nonweek that the Wagon acquisition will add about £350 million of unsecured loan asset.

THE German budget deficit

will exceed forecasts this year,

the Bundesbank predicted last

night in its August monthly

The deficit is currently

planned to be DM60 billion but

will overshoot this because of a

cy. In its June report, the

report.

Elton, which has about I per cent of the contract car financing market, made consolidated pre-tax profits of £1.3 million last year. Its name will be changed to First National Vehicle Contracts.

Alliance merges with Latex

ALLIANCE RESOURCES, the oil and gas penny share stock, is merging with Latex Resources, another US oil producer, and at the same

Bob Scott, GA chief executive, praised the "encouraging all-round performance"

German deficit raises

single currency doubts

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

tricht limit is 3 per cent - and

public debt would overreach

1996, the federal budget was

For the first seven months of

the 60 per cent of GNP limit.

time settling a legal dispute with a former chief executive. Alliance said yesterday that it had agreed a stay of proceedings against John O'Brien but was retracting none of the statement of claims against the former director, who left the Alliance board last year after accusations of fraud. The company would not By Carl Mortished

reveal the terms of the settlement but indicated that Mr O'Brien admitted to no wrongdoing.
Patrick Maley, Alliance's chairman said: "The board

believes this settlement is in the best interests of Alliance shareholders." Alliance is thought to have agreed to the lifting of a Mareva injunction over Mr

O'Brien's assets in return for a financial settlement.

day before the company announced a merger with Latex, which will gave Latex investors 72 per cent of the com-

bined group. Latex produces about 1,200 barrels of oil per day and 10 million cubic feet of gas in the southern United States. It has estimated reserves of 6.3 mil-lion barrels of oil.

Alliance said that the increased asset base would enable the company to acquire

Sparkling \$482m half-year from De Beers



DE BEERS, the South African diamond giant, shrugged off "leakage" of gems from Russia and the impact of a sliding rand to unveil a healthy rise in first half profits. The group lifted attributable earnings by 18 per cent to \$482 million (\$407 million) in the six months to end-June. The dividend increased by 5.5 per cent to 27 US cents per linked unit (25.6 US cents).

US cents).
The Central Selling Organisation (CSO), De Beers' marketing arm, achieved record sales of \$2.748 billion during the period. The CSO recently put up the price of diamonds by an average of 3 per cent, with increases of 7 per cent for gems above one carat, where demand has been strongest.

De Beers admitted that it has yet to finalise a trade agreement with Almazy

By Jon Ashworth

Rossii Sakha, Russia's biggest diamond producer, more than five months after signing a memorandum of understand-ing aimed at controlling the supply of Russian gems. De Beers blamed the delay on the Russian presidential elections, and said an existing sales contract had been extended while talks continued. It said "leakage" was nowhere near the levels seen in 1995, when an estimated \$1 billion in Russian diamonds evaded the CSO.

Julian Ogilvie Thompson, chairman of De Beers, expressed his disappointment over the withdrawal of the Argyle mine in north-western Australia, which pulled out of the CSO in June. Argyle accounted for 6 per cent of the CSO's rough diamond sales, and the impact is already being felt

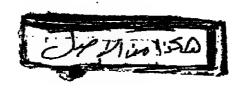
at the cheaper end of the market. Argyle's withdrawal has had an unset-

tling impact on the diamond cutting industry in India, which has copious stocks of rough and polished diamonds, and was caught unawares by the move.

The CSO said it would work with its clients, including India, to help minimise disruption.

satisfactory in the wake of the recent price increases. Good gains have been reported in Japan and America, which together account for 60 per cent of diamond sales. Germany aside, demand across Europe has been strong. Investment income rose 14 per cent to \$166 million (\$145 million), due largely to a substantial increase in the final dividend paid by Anglo American Corporation. Lower borrowing requirements saw interest payable fall from \$40 million to \$32 million.





☐ IT'S official. The National Grid really are a bunch of greedy fat cats who pay themselves above the odds. Don't take this column's word for it — listen to

Stephen Littlechild's proposed price cuts for the Grid, at the

harsher end of City predictions, can in part be funded by cutting

levels of remuneration that are

rather higher than elsewhere in

the industry. Professor Littlechild said so himself.

This suggests that the once

accident-prone professor may at

last have learned a little about

public relations, steep and

bumpy though the learning curve may have been. The Grid

was, politically, the best utility of

the lot to kick for several reasons.

The management, with one

honourable exception, held onto

£400,000-plus of special divi-

dends that became payable on

purely technical grounds when

the business was floated in

December, along with generous share options. This brought the

entire privatisation process into disrepute and provided the ultimate fat-cat row, causing outrage in Whitehall that eclipsed

even the fuss caused by Cedric

Brown. Not long after, the coun-

try nearly ran out of power. Second, the Grid was not sold

to the public but hived off by the

12 regional electricity distrib-utors. Their shareholders got it

the industry regulator.

itself first. It will also use

By OLIVER AUGUST

BMW, the German carmaker, tried to

douse mounting speculation yesterday that its takeover of Rover Group in 1994

had gone wrong, saying the British group was running as planned and that results

Pould only get better.

Persistent talk that Rover, which BMW

bought in an attempt to expand beyond its

luxury car base, is in worse financial

shape than BMW is letting on reached a

fever pitch yesterday with a critical report

BMW's share price fell DM12 to DM829 on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange

from an influential financial house.

for the technology, which it

that the effect of the proposed price cuts would not be mass starvation in the Grid boardroom. The company might have to cut dividend growth to just a little ahead of the rate of infla-tion. It really is that tragic. A pure utility, and so one of the

☐ Utility bosses get their just desserts ☐ Carlsberg-Tetley delay becomes an embarrassment ☐ Coutts has its rates crossed

Littlechild's Grid pro quo

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The Grid, after a period of unattractive whingeing, is likely to cave in rather than go to the Monopolies and Mergers Com-mission, at least if the directors by now. Bass is buying the matching 50 per cent stakes in Carlsberg-Tetley, Britain's third biggest brewer, held by Allied and Carlsberg of Denmark. Allied is taking £200 million in cash. Carlsberg a fifth share in the business once it is merged with Bass's our because is have any sense. This last is not proven, but the professor should Allied fast heading with Bass's own breweries.

There, that hardly hurt at all, did it? No one is claiming that the deal will not go ahead, providing competition concerns are allayed. There are no alternative buyers, and all concerned need it to happen. Most of the substantive issues, such as the continuing supply of beer to Allied's pubs, seem to be solved. No one is even arguing over the price being paid.

The delay is unfortunate

dragging their feet, and most of those fingers point at Allied. "Short of resources" and "overreliant on advisers" are among the politer accusations being made against Allied, which responds with agonising talk of dotting Is and crossing Ts. Let us be fair. Three parties are

because the various parties, in

their exasperation, are starting

to point fingers at which one is

involved, which always slows things, and it is August after all. But the unconscionable delay is damaging both Carisberg-Tetley as a business and more important, Allied's reputation.

This was none too crisp when Sir Christopher Hogg started as chairman in April. Sir Christopher was sold in the City as a decisive general who would get things done There followed form things done. There followed four months of trench warfare. If the lawyers are delaying over the details, and lawyers always do, that is why they insist on being paid by the hour, their progress should be firmly accelerated. When the deal is finalised — next week? Only probably - the whole thing must come out without any further problems or

missed deadlines. Then Sir Christopher should get on with the various other things that need to be done at Allied."

A bridge too far

☐ A COLLEAGUE applied for a bridging loan with Courts & Co, the bank that likes to think of itself as above the undignified hurly-burly of the rest of the banking sector. The bank agreed over the phone acceptable terms of base rate plus 2 per cent for the ength of the loan.

A few days later a truly surreal document arrived from Coutts. Interest on the loan would be calculated "at the rate of 2 per cent above the Bank's base rate." which is presently 53 per cent," it said, "subject to a minimum combined rate of 10 per cent per annum, i.e. an effective rate of 10 per cent per annum at the present time." In other words, you can have 2 per cent above base rates, but only when those rates are 8 per cent or more. Mike Bell, Coutts's head of

control, admitted the actual fig-

usual" as he defended the use of minimum rates as common in retail banking. Coutts's actions are legal, because they can set whatever rate they wish. They are unethical, because 2 per cent above base rates, as mitially agreed, should mean just that.

ures quoted were "rather un-

There are only two explanations. One is that the bank regards base rates below 8 per. cent as so freakish an anomaly, and so unlikely to last, that it was not worth redrafting the stationery to cope with this tem-

porary statistical blip. The second is that the top people's bank thinks its customers are too financially unsophisticated to check the fine print. As to our friend, he objected vociferously, and was offered 8 per cent. Clearly it pays to negotiate.

Safe as houses

☐ IF COUTTS'S seemingly gloomy views on interest rates are correct and property prices tumble again as a consequence then mortgage lenders or their insurers are set to lose a packet, because the negative equity guar-antee now offered by Halifax can be expected to become standard. More likely the Halifax has judged the market right, and the new "insurance" will prove to be

BOC takes a tumble after orders setback

for free, even as many were

accepting windfall profits from

the various takeover bids in the

sector. Starving widows and

orphans they are not. Third, the

shares have been an absolute

dog ever since December despite

the curious and as yet unex-

plained purchase by James Capel of 12.5 per cent of the

company in May. Much of the

regulator's harshness, therefore,

Professor Littlechild has fol-

lowed usual practice in such

reviews by sending in a hit squad

of management consultants to

rubbish any squeals by the company for mercy. For exam-ple, the consultants found that

the Grid has always over-esti-mated its capital spending, and a projected figure of El.1 billion

over the next four years could

Total costs of running the Grid

have fallen by almost 40 per cent

since the last regulatory review, and the consultants felt there

was rather more to come. A contrary view by the Grid itself

was somewhat weakened by the

planned job cuts already an-

nounced. So analysts decided

easily be cut to £700 million.

is already in the price.

SHARES of BOC Group full 43p yesterday as the indusgases company revealed a collapse in orders at Edwards, its vacuum pumps

Danny Rosenkranz, BOC's chief executive, was Rosenkranz, surprised at the scale of the sell-off, which pushed the shares down to 853p and wiped more than £200 mil-ban off the company's stock market value. He said: "That's grossly overdone. I've got a lot more

faith in the company than Edwards is the leading maker of the pumps used in making computer chips. A alut of chips has prompted semiconductor manufactur-

business.

ers to cut back sharply on their June. Sales increased by 8 per investment plans. The reverse came as a shock to the City, because three months ago BOC said that Edwards was still enjoying a strong order

With results from BOC's healthcare division also disappointing, analysts slashed their profit forecasts for next year and beyond. Kleinwort Benson trimmed this year's forecast by £5 million to £445 million, but cut £45 million from its estimates for 1997 and The bad news from Ed-

wards overshadowed third-quarter results showing that BOC's pre-tax profits rose II per cent to £327.3 million in

cent to just short of £3 billion, and earnings per share climbed II per cent.

safest investments around, will

still be able produce a real return

for investors.

still hold his ground.

for closing time

CIALLIED DOMECQ is in

danger of looking pretty foolish over the sale of the Carisberg-

Tetley brewer. Yesterday

marked the passing of the third self-imposed deadline to an-

nounce formal details of the deal.

This is especially silly because

we all know them back to front

Details came there none.

The main gases business increased operating profits by 10 per cent to £300.5 million. BOC said sales and profits improved in nearly all regions. The group has just won a large contract to build an oxygen and nitrogen plant for Tata Iron & Steel in India, and has agreed to acquire a controlling interest in a leading Russian industrial gas

The problem of falling orders has yet to hurt Edwards's results, so BOC's vacuum products and distribution services division was able to the nine months to the end of increase operating profits by

37 per cent to £66.5 million for the nine months.

Ohmeda, the healthcare business, continues to suffer generic competition to Forane, its off-patent anaesthetic gas. With US demand for anaesthesia machines also showing weakness, Ohmeda's third quarter profits fell by 27 per cent, leaving the nine month total 15 per cent lower at £39.1

Mr Rosenkranz said: "Our performance is pretty solid: People seem to forget that over 70 per cent of our sales is gases, and that last year gases accounted for three-quarters of our profits and over 80 per cent of our investment."

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General Cable plays numbers game free

BY ERIC REGULY

GENERAL CABLE, the cable company that recently took control of Yorkshire Cable for that it will introduce phone number portability in January and probably will not charge customers to switch over.

Portability allows custom-ers to keep the same number when they change to compet-ing operators. The lack of portability was considered one of the main barriers to creating a free market in the residential sector. Oftel, the telecoms regulator, took the issue to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission last year after accusing BT of delaying its introduction.

Nynex, was the first cable operator to introduce portability. It is charging BT customers a E20 one-off fee, about £8

of which goes back to BT.
David Miller, General's finance director, said a transfer charge would scare off potential customers and has decided to absorb most of the costs itself. The company reported a pre-tax loss of £12.8 million in the half year to June 30 against a £10.9 million loss. Turnover rose 46 per cent to £35.3 million. The deeper loss was due to higher interest and depreciation charges. General Cable has had positive operating cash flow for the past nine months and said its cable-TV disconnection rate has declined from 30 per ent to 23 per

Challenge by rebel names set to begin

A HIGH Court challenge to the Lloyd's of London's recovery plan is expected to begin today after the twoday adjournment granted

on Monday.

Members of the 3,000strong Paying Names Ac-tion Group (PNAG), which is challenging the legality of the Reconstruction and Renewal (R&R) plan, are understood to have received the necessary funds to enable the action to proceed. The case is expected to last three days, with judgment due on August 19.

Sedgwick weathers the storm with £64 million

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BY ROSERT MILLER

SEDGWICK GROUP, the international insurance broker, weathered tough trading conditions, including sharp falls in insurance rates, to post a 2 per cent rise in half-year profits to £64.1 million.

Worldwide brokerage and fees rose by 4 per cent to £467.3 million in the six months to June 30, while revenue rose to £490.2 milion compared with £474.8 million in the same period

Sedgwick operates in 68

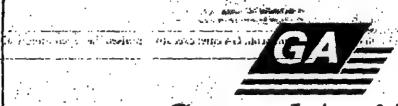
countries, dominated by the United States, mainland Europe and the UK, Canada and Asia Pacific. Sax Riley, chief executive, welcomed the Reconstruction

and Renewal plan for the insurance market at Lloyd's. He said there were considerably more grounds for optimism about the successful outcome of the Lloyd's survival plan than at any time in the recent past. Sedgwick, which an-

nounced a 7 per cent increase in earnings per share to 7.8p. lifted its half-time paybut to 3.75p, payable on October 21, from 3p previously. The 0.75p increase, however, was due to a foreign income dividend enhancement.

Mr Riley said: "We remain confident of the final outcome for the full year. We continue to reduce our dependency on the volatility of the insurance cycle and to invest in strategic and specialist areas which we regard as having the potential

On the Stock Exchange the shares closed 5p lower at 125p.



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General Accident

Strong Second-Quarter Performance

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- Operating pre-tax profit of £194m follows a profit of £138m in the second quarter.
- Excellent second quarter performance in the UK.
- US results impacted by adverse weather in both the first and second quarters. .
- Second quarter underwriting profit in Canada.
- Increased worldwide underwriting deficit influenced by additional weather losses of £56m.
- Strong new business production in UK pensions.
- Current solvency margin 74%. Net assets per ordinary share 657p.

Bob Scott, Group Chief Executive, comments:

"The actions we are continuing to take to strengthen our competitive position worldwide are producing positive results in all our major business units."

General Accident plc

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The results are also available on the Internet; http://www.ga.co.uk.



launch of high-speed kettle

By Sarah Cunningham

three kilowatts of power, rather than the usual 22 kilowatts, and it will be resistant to

The kettle, which Michael Webber, chairman of Pifco. describes as "the most advanced in the world", will be

available from September 3. Pifco is planning to manufacture up to 10,000 per week and the company is also looking at other possible uses has had heavily patented of the new kettle yesterday when it reported pre-tax prof its up 16 per cent, to £3.12 million, and sales up 12 per cent, to £41.8 million, for the

year ended April 30. The final dividend of 3.15p per share, up from 2.85p, is payable on October 9 and makes a full-year dividend of 5.45p, an increase of 10 per

recovered to end down DM5. The report comes three weeks before the arrival of

Walter Hasselkus as the first German

chief executive of Rover. He is poised to

accelerate Rover's integration with BMW.

million in 1995 was "the peak", but was

unable to say by how much the loss at Rover would decline this year. Rover is

running according to plan when you

recall that we said Rover would not make any significant contribution to group earnings in this decade," BMW said. But

a growing number of investors fear it may take longer than that and that BMW will

BMW said that Rover's loss of DM335

BMW drives to Rover's defence have to pump billions of marks beyond what was expected to bring Rover after a report from Salomons but later

earnings up to speed. Salomon Brothers said that Rover needs huge amounts of investment from BMW and must streamline its product range. "Rover emerges as the European volume manufacturer with the most work to accomplish industry standards and clearly needs a radical transfusion from its parent if it is to emerge as a premium carmaker," said Salomon.

Rover also denied the report's accuracy. It's too early to draw conclusions when the relationship is still very young," said

THE saying "A watched kettle never boils" may soon ecome obsolete. Pifco, the electricals group, is launch-ing a jug kettle using new technology that will nearly halve the time needed to boil



Shares make solid gains despite Wall Street jitters

Street was shaken off by the UK market, which took strength from gains in gilts, strong buying of selected shares and hopes that interest rates will be cut before long.

For a second day, London held onto its morning gains after Wall Street opened lower. The FT-SE 100 index inched towards its all-time high of 3857.1 by adding 20.1 points to close at 3.823.4. In contrast, the Dow Jones industrial average was quoted down more than 27 points at mid-session, having closed more than 23 points higher a day earlier. The US osses stemmed from worries about inflation before next week's FOMC meeting.

Dealers said one or two programme buys had helped market volume, which was reasonable after many thin days of trading. One leading dealer said: "I think the market is getting a little squeezed in futures and cash. There could be a bit of a correction."

Banks and pharmaceuticals had led the US higher on Monday, and the trend continued in London. Banking shares benefited from optimism on interest rates. Barclays jumped 17p to 896p, Lloyds TSB improved 7p to 353p and National Westminster Bank rose 18.5p to 680p. The rises would have been even more impressive if all three had not gone ex-dividend. National Westminister was also bolstered by a report from the Chartered Institute of Bankers showing it has the biggest share of the UK corporate market.

Abbey National, which yesterday announced its planned E9.9 million acquisition of Elton Holdings, climbed 10p to 595p. The deal will increase Abbey's share of the car financing market, complementing the bank's recent Wagon Finance acquisition.

In the drug sector, dealers said US buying gave some support to prices. Zeneca ad-vanced 20p to El4.52, Glaxo Wellcome added 2p to 889p and SmithKline Beecham firmed 13p to 701p, although both went es-dividend. British Biotech, however, fell lip to 204n as ex-dividend factors and analysts' negative comments continued to erode the share price.

National Grid was the big-est blue chip loser of the day. t was also the most active. Earlier fears about a harsher



A warning from BOC saw its shares fall to a 1996 low

out yesterday when Stephen Littlechild, the regulator, announced his pricing regime. The company warned investors that the proposed pricing structure would cost as much as £300 million in lost revenues next year and could result in a lower dividend. Shares dropped 10.5p to a year low of 165p. British Gas, which will soon face a regula-

from the life area, helped shares in General Accident gain 14p to 678p. Dealers said General Accident's strong direct insurance figures bode well for Royal Bank of Scotland's Direct Line business and contributed to a 7p rise in Royal Bank of Scotland shares to 509p. Other insurers also moved higher, including Commercial Union, up 9p to

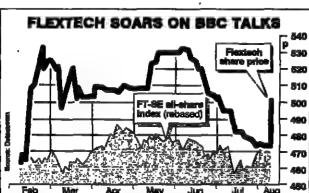
James Cropper, the pulp and paper company, was one of the biggest winners of the day, jumping 23p to 350p on news that the company had enjoyed its best ever quarter. At the AGM, the company predicted substantially higher operating profits for the current financial year, as well as a reduction in borrowing.

tory review on TransCo, lost ¹2p to 198p. BOC lost ground after the

company gave warning that a slowdown in the semiconductor market would hurt its vacuum products business. As a result, analysts slashed their 1997 earnings forecasts, and shares in the company fell 42p to a 1996 low of 853p.

Solid profits growth, with particularly promising figures 624p, and Royal Sun Altazoe, up 4p at 390p. Rathbone Brothers, the private banking and asset management group, moved 3p higher to 315p on news of its initial offer for Neilson Cobbold of 298p a share. The two-part offer will include a dividend. Neilson Cobbold dropped 75p to 330p.

Media and publishing shares were among the big-



Among individual issues, Pearson added another Sp to 668p. Bid speculation has bolstered Pearson's share price for nearly two weeks.

Flextech jumped 27p to 50lp after confirming that it is discussing acquiring the stakes in Flextech cable channels UK Gold and UK Living held by Pearson and Cox Communications. Flextech is proposing giving Pearson and Cox a stake in the company rather than parting with cash for their cable holdings. The group also confirmed that it was discussing a possible joint venture with the BBC.

BTR and Hanson continued on the road to recovery, with BTR up 5.5p to 264p, while Hanson rose lp to 166p. BTR benefited from a "buy" rating from Strauss.

BAT Industries, the tobac-

co giant, recouped some of its recent losses, adding 2p to 466p. The previous day, shares had been hit by the company's defeat in a US court case on Friday.

Burmah Castrol closed 18p

higher at £10.43 on the back of recommendation by Kleinwort Benson. The shares started to move higher at the end of last week in response to US buying.
On the Alternative Invest-

ment Market, Chemical Design Holdings consolidated its previous day's gains by adding 12p to 145p in its second day of trading. The shares were floated at 110p.

Yorkshire Foods suffered a 32 per cent price loss, with shares down 23p to 49p after the company gave warning that it would post a loss for the ☐ GILT-EDGED: Treasuries

were dragged higher in morning trading by a strong bund market in Germany. But the market ran into trouble when the US CPI and retail sales data was released, and treasuries fell back to their opening levels. The September series of the long gilt rose four ticks to £108116, with 43,000 contracts changing hands. At the short end of the yield curve, the Treasury 8 per cent 2000 firmed three ticks to £1031732. The Treasury 8 per cent 2015 ended £316 higher at

NEW YORK: Wall Street shares remained weak in morning trading and at midday the Dow Jones industrial was down

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LIKE tired hosts awaiting the departure of an irritable and ailing house guest, the conglomerates sector is anticipating with glee the exit of Hanson. Diversified Industrials, as they like to be known, have been a rotten investment this year but over the past few weeks the sector has enjoyed a small bounce. With the share price of even the unloved BTR gaining 10 per cent, some analysts are hoping that conglomerates have reached their nadir. While it may be too much to expect sentiment to turn in their favour, after years of persecuting Hanson the market could be looking for a different boy to whip.

Unfortunately, little hard news is likely to emerge over the next few months to cheer conglomerate investors. Interim results from the majors, including Hanson this week, will reveal few treasures. Earnings growth for the sector - reckoned to be about 6 per cent - is lagging the market rate. Moreover, conglomerates tend to be underinvested in Europe, where recovery is eagerly anticipated, but are more heavily biased to the United States where the industrial cycle is well advanced. THE TIMES WE

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Still, the departure of Hanson will achieve one obvious benefit, which might lead to an additional bonus. Even in its shrunken state, Hanson's E8 billion-plus market capitalisation had a huge effect on sector ratings and its removal will allow better performers, such as Williams Holdings and Tomkins, to show their mettle. Investors seeking to realise any gains when the mini-Hansons are launched as quoted companies may wish to keep some exposure to a sector in recovery. In that case, shares in the better conglomerates will further outperform the sector.

BOC

FOR the second time since Danny Rosenkranz took over as BOC's chief executive in January, the gases group has disappointed the City with downbeat quarterly results. One of life's "half-empty" brigade, Mr Rosenkranz does not make things easy for BOC with his seeming lack of enthusiasm for the business.

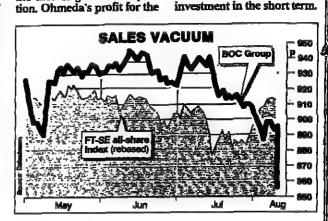
The oversupply of computer memory chips is not news. But BOC allowed the sudden collapse in orders at Edwards Vacuum Products, whose pumps are used in making chips, to catch the City on the hop. Edwards's profits next year will be down by perhaps £25 million and the problems could contique into 1998.

Still, Edwards is an excellent business and computers are here to stay. The semiconductor companies will

eventually return with more orders as the industry resumes growing at a forecast 15 per cent a year.

The problems at Ohmeda more entrenched. BOC's healthcare company is hanging on to its share of the anaesthetic gas market but prices continue to slide in the face of generic competi-tion. Ohmeda's profit for the

third quarter fell by an ominous 21 per cent. These difficulties are relative pinpricks beside the robust strength of BOC Gases. With solid double-digit growth in profits from industrial gases, BOC should remain a core holding but nervousness about Edwards should make them a dull



General Accident SO UNATTRACTIVE has general insurance become among investors that composite insurers are being rated according to the perceived strength of their life insurance activities. This is a dramatic turnround from a few years ago when companies were attempting to cover up the sins of their life and pensions sales forces. But for General Accident, the expansion of its long term

profitable. Gen Acc is pushing through the integration of Provident Mutual, the life business acquired in January, quicker than anticipated with an unexpected £5 million net gain in the first half That implies a more rapid recovery of the cost of redundancies and for shareholders, a better return on their ness which is generating new

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business at a pace. Eisewhere, there is some

front, with rate increases being pushed through, suggesting the sector is past its worst. General Accident has only 7 per cent of the motor sector but the outlook for rates generally in the UK looks poor with Gen Acc's ominous warning about premium rates on commercial lines. The company would like to expand its long term business further, particularly on the Continent, but the market for good life companies must be near boiling point. If Gen Acc wishes to avoid a huge payment for goodwill, it will have to sweat hard for a bigger slice of the

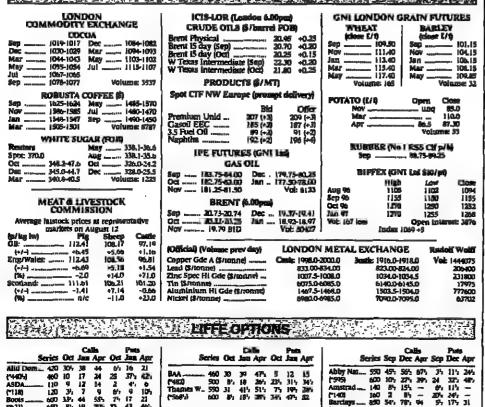
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through the Central Selling Organisation, the cartel owned by De Beers, but the CSO has noticed some Siberlan diamonds leaking on to the world market via diamond polishing ventures within Russia.

Russia's trading agreement with the CSO expired in December but continues under a memorandum of understanding. The Londonbased organisation is anxiously waiting for the Russians to sign a new agreement

he CSO, which controls 70-30 per cent of the uncut market, is dedicated to its mission which — as everyone knows is to ensure that a diamond is for ever. However, in wildly capitalistic Russia, for ever is a long time when a quick buck can be made today. Fixing prices and controlling markets is something the former



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Checking out of the B&B

AFTER spending thousands of pounds on lawyers' fees, the Bradford & Bingley has written to Michael Hardern, chief building society carpet-bagger, saying that it no longer wants him as a member. The B&B put its foot down after Hardern was recently denied access to membership files be-longing to the Building Societies Commission. because his was "not a righteous cause". According to John Wriglesworth at B&B. Hardern is "frivolous" and "only interested in trying to convert us". Both Hardern's money and his interest have since been returned to him. Meanwhile, Wriglesworth admitted yesterday that he holds accounts in other building societies, including the Skipton, tipped to go public.



Wriglesworth:

Down the hatch

THE last watering hole belonging to a bank is set to take last orders. Not for much longer are thirsty employees at the Yorkshire Bank (which is owned by the National Australia Bank) likely to be able to meander from their desks to their firstfloor bar for a swift and subsidised half. The woodpanelled drinking area, awash with flora, dates back to 1981, when the bank moved from Leeds city centre to Merrion Way.

Media move

AFTER lengthy talks, analysts Neil Blackley and Meg Geldens are switching sides. They are moving from Goldman Sachs to Merrill Lynch and will continue to cover the European media sector. At James Capel in the early 1990s, Blackley worked alongside Richard Dale, who defected from Merrill to Salomon Brothers earlier this year - Blackley claims to have taught him all he knows.

Hobday's choice

WHO better than radio broadcaster Peter Hobday to lecture on "Crisis Management — for those who don't want to end up all at sea" at a conference hosted by training company Hawksmere? The former member of the Today team who caused uproar among fans last March when be was told that Radio 4 no longer required his services, will also lecture on *How to give the media what they want, while achieving what you need."

Inside out

MANCHESTER City Council has given the goahead for a local photographer to turn the Arndale Shopping Centre, which was damaged by a terrorist bomb in June, into a work of art. Nigel Lucas plans to cover the entrance opposite Marks & Spencer with huge photographs of the interior of the building. Lucas's "inside-out" idea is not unlike that of Rachel Whiteread, who covered a terraced house in London with cement. So far, the council has said it will contribute half of the £40,000 installation fee. and companies including M&S and P&O, are being approached for the

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Job prospects

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women than for men, says

Philip Bassett

um looking after the children on the beach, Dad taking a much-needed breather from work the traditional picture of the holiday highpoint in August. But with one in ten men in Britain unemployed, and women increasingly working
many as the sole breadwinner - such traditionalism

labour market.

After the fall in claimant unemployment of 14,300 last month, ministers are hoping that worrying undercurrents in recent figures, which would change even further the traditional male-female balance at work, do not develop into a trend that could undermine

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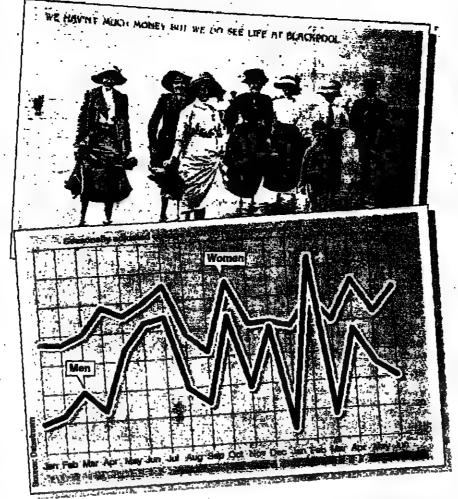
the decline in joblessness, The Government's new figures tomorrow will show unemployment at about 7.6 to 7.7 per cent. But they will also show a continuing sharp difference between unemployment for men and women: unemployment for men is more than 10 per cent, while for women it is little more than 4 per cent.

But while unemployment among men has been falling rapidly, down from 11.2 per cent in June last year to 10.4 per cent before tomorrow's figures. unemployment among women has been more resistant to change: 4.5 per cent down to 4.2 Der cent.

The detail of last month's overall is worrying. Unemployment among men claiming benefit fell by 14,900, while for women it rose, albeit by only 600. Whitehall officials could dismiss such shifts as mere variations in one month's figures, were it not for other indicators. Male claimant unemployment has fallen in all but one of the last 12 months. For , it has risen for three months out of the 12. Overall unemployment has declined over the period -

men's by 131,000; women's by more than 30,000 (male claimant unemployment now stands at 1.6 million, against 520,000 for women). But the rate of change for men and women has been sharply different. Among men, the level

IS THE TIDE TURNING FOR WOMEN AT WORK?



of unemployment fell an average of 10,100 a month from June 1995 to June 1996, four times laster than the rate of decline among women, for whom claimant unemployment has been dropping at an average of only 2,300 a month.

Other figures suggest some curious movements among women in the labour market, according to an analysis carried out by The Times. Take employment, rather than unemployment. Employment overall has been growing, but the most recent figures from the Government's Labour Force Survey (LFS) — a quarterly, study of a sample of 60,000 households - shows that between winter and spring this year, the most recent period available, employment fell by 34,000. Within that, male jobs dropped by 4,000, and female by 30,000. or or 1.5 per cent, in a single

Ministers argue that these falls follow a long series of large-scale rises in job num-

bers, though Whitehall economists accept that such figures are now giving off "mixed" signals about the labour market. Among employees - ex-cluding the self-employed, those on Government training schemes, and so on - the figures are even more stark: the total number of female employees is down over the

period by 28,000, while the

total of male employees rose

by 23,000. Part of the answer about female employment rests in overall activity rates. The number of people counted as economically active - those over 16 who are in work, or unemployed - is rising, but again the last quarter, according to the LFS, saw a change, with 0,000 fewer men cited as economically active, and three times that number of women.

One of the key divides in the UK labour market, between full-time and part-time employment, may help to explain the divide. After a year of growth, full-time employment

saw a fall in the last available quarter - down by 35,000. The much stronger growth in part-time employment slowed sharply, to a rise of just 8,000 in the quarter.

For men, full-time employment fell in the last quarter, by 34,000. But the number of male part-timers rose, by almost the same amount -35,000. For women, full-time employment was virtually flat. with a fall of just 2,000, while in part-time jobs, which women dominate, fell by *2*7,000.

Labour market analysts

believe that men may be taking on what have traditionally been seen as "women's" jobs because of the continuing contraction of traditional "mears jobs Detailed LFS occupational and industrial figures seem to confirm that. Whether such job satisfac-Take clerical work an gion levels can be sustained employment sector some 2.7 million strong, and where three-quarters of the workforce is female. Over the most recent three months to

male clerical employment rose 1_3 per cent, or by about 12,000 jobs. But the number of women fell - by 0.8 per cent, or about 22,000 jobs.

In selling, where women make up about 70 per cent of the 1.3 million jobs, male jobs rose by 19,000, or about 2.7 per cent, in the last quarter, while women's fell 27 per cent, or about 36,000 jobs.

Over the last quarter, according to the LFS, male employment in manufacturing rose by some 69,000, or almost 2 per cent, while women's jobs, showed only a 2,000 rise, or just 0.2 per cent.

Sony in South Wales recently expanded its operations but was unable to recruit the women it wanted to fill its target of an additional 400 workers. Looking for women to work in the plant, and as quality checkers, it found itself with a shortfall of about 100, which it had to make up by taking on temporary and other short-term staff. Part of these difficulties are

likely to stem from the acute problem for working women of childcare. LFS figures show that 36 per cent of employed, working age women have de-pendent children under 16. More than two thirds of such women now use childcare, though for 45 per cent the only arrangement available is informal, provided by relatives. Only 12 per cent use profes-sional childcare, predominantly childminders.

Yet despite the struggle to balance work and family life, women appear to be more satisfied than men at work. A study on job satisfaction in Britain, published in the British Journal of Industrial Relations, uses data from the Government's British Household Panel Survey to show that nearly two thirds of women report overall job sat-isfaction, compared with half of men. That may be because male work cultures still place greater pressure on men to achieve, while other factors include differences in qualifications, a longer-hours culture and the fact that women, despite their larger role as breadwinners, find it easier than men to leave the labour force completely.
Whether such job satisfac-

when many recent trends in the labour market seem to be running against women will be a significant employment issue. But as women pack up the sun tan lotion and the summer reading and head back to work, the immediate reality of their jobs market looks difficult: unemployment either falling only slowly, or rising: employment falling faster than for men; part-time jobs for women dropping back; and traditional women's work" declining too.



New Labour and a new life for the gilts market

pect from a man who owns the leg of a horse, but they vin. His nap for the 1990s r-falling inflation — was laughed out of the market when it first appeared. But inflation has fallen, his book, The Death of Inflation, is in its third printing, and by now the Bank of England and its acolytes seem to be the only diss ers. So you missed the boat in gilts, as these accurate forecasts should imply? No, you didn't. The consensus inflation forecasts may have caught up with Bootle, but the bond market has not: hence prospective real yields

of 6 per cent or more, Dealers explain this readily: the globalised gilts market does not trade on inflation forecasts, but on exchange-rate expectations. The trade outlook is murky, with a consumer boom expected to demand higher imports, but the political outlook is much worse. The market is now discounting a Labour victory; and Labour is traditionally the party of devaluation. QED. Wrong again, says Bootle. Wrong as history, still worse as a forecast.

The record backs him up: study a chart of sterling's long decline, and then guess who ruled. For more than a century sterling was as good as gold; the last-ditch de-ferider of that standard was Snowden, a Labour Chancellor. (One fear about new Labour is that Gordon Brown could prove another Snowden.) Then came devaluation and boom under Tory patronage. After the war, more last disches: first the Attlee and then the Wilson governments resisted reality far too long, and paid for it. By 1970, stability: then Heath unleashed the great inflation.

The consequent slide in sterling was checked only by North Sea oil; but then came falling oil prices, Nigel Lawson, and finally Black Wednesday. Not even the most committed City Tory could make much of a case for the Conservatives as guardians of sterling. In-deed, the history of the last decade is quite enough to explain the unflattering

oger Bootle is at it margin of gilt yields over the again. His tips are corresponding French and what one might excorresponding French and German bonds. But US bonds are surely another story. Since the Conservatives came to power, the dollar has fallen even

against sterling.
Why, then, are US Treasuries not equally pen-alised? Because the economy is strong and the dollar is now undervalued. say dealers; it can now be expected to rise, as yields suggest. Yet this is the core of Bootle's economic case: Britain also has a strong economy (by European standards, anyway) and an un-dervalued currency (though not against the dollar). The same rules should apply, but

they don't.
Which brings us back to politics. Bootle believes that new Labour's new austerity is genuine, and that the Brown fiscal stance would be tighter than Clarke's (especially the post-November Clarke). He would certainly be less inhibited than Clarke about raising taxes; good for gilts. More important, Labour is Euro-friendly. If a new government starts edging towards EMU, the core members would be determined to see sterling higher against the Euro before

Result: a few months into a Labour government the market would be backing sterling as a rising currency. Indeed, argues Bootle, there might be an inverted sterling crisis. If Gordon Brown then wanted to cut interest rates to cap sterling without provoking a stop-go con-sumer boom, he could deploy weapons which have been barred from the Conservative armoury. Hirepurchase controls, and even mortgage controls, could be revived (this last is my own argument, not Bootle's).

A rising currency, a tighter budget, falling interest rates, and some check on consumer credit what more could the gilts market want? It is at the very least a plausible story; more plausi-ble if you remember that new Labour is highly impressed with the Clinton-Greenspan economic record. Then recall that Bootle was right last time. Anyone for a long position in the

Teamworking points up the strains in a mail preserve

ost postal deliveries will be halted today as the seven-weel dispute between Royal Mail and the Communication Workers Union continues. At the heart of the issue is teamworking - the work practice that has been described as the most fundamental change in the history of Royal Mail. It is the condition that has led to the protracted industrial action and triggered the suspension of the Post Office's monopoly.

Teamworking is far from

being a new concept and has swept through British industry, gaining currency with management in recent years on the back of the total quality

management approach.

The practice became the norm in practically all of the UK's car plants in the late 1980s and early 1990s where its advocates claim that it has fuelled much of the increased productivity. Elsewhere in manufacturing and service sectors it has caught on as employers embrace its principles of looser structures and higher levels of responsibility

spread across the workforce. Last year the Labour Research Department (LRD) found teamworking in 52 per cent of its survey workplaces, while 36 per cent had introduced it over the previous two years. It involves grouping workers around production or service processes. Tasks are delegated by managers but teamworkers will be required to perform them flexibly, with previously designated roles abolished. Teamworking removes some of the managerial role although teams have leaders with responsibility for training, development and for

some working conditions. Perhaps the biggest union concern over teamworking stems from a fear that their influence and communication with members will be eroded. A workplace representative at British Aerospace told the LRD that team leaders were used to drive a wedge between

Christine Buckley looks behind the dispute that is a threat to

the Royal Mail's letter monopoly



Seal of disapproval: a familiar sight during the dispute

members and the union. At Dunlop-Topy Wheels there was reported to be concern that the practice undermines communication with shop stewards and that teams compete against each other. One union representative at Vauxhall Motors told the researchers that morale fell after teamworking was agreed.

Unions also believe teamworking will assign responsibilities to workers for which they are not properly paid or rewarded through status. It can cut out grades of promotion and consequently lessen pay aspirations.

The MSF, in an internal guide, summed up the mixed union views: "At its best it can provide a supportive environment in which the normal emphasis on status and authority is reduced and common objectives shared. It can also allow people to take on new roles. On the other hand ... it can result in conflict being individualised and ... relationships within the team

than co-operative." Royal Mail's proposition

works separately for different operations. For example, it would envisage that a delivery team could operate on nine or so members. In such a team, the main difference of teamworking would be to introduce responsibility by each member for all route deliveries; at present individuals have responsibility for a

particular route. Royal Mail hopes that teamworking will move towards smoothing confrontations. It says: "Formerly, if an argument developed between a driver and a foot postman over the size of packets to be taken by the driver, it would need to be resolved by a manager; under teamwork all team members, which now include the driver, have an interest in rapidly finding a

harmonious solution." However, the CWU is highly critical of the shaping of teamworking by Royal eral secretary, said that far from offering flexibility the first configuration of teamworking introduced fixed du-ties, including less rotation of work requiring unsocial hours, and greater demarcation in certain areas.

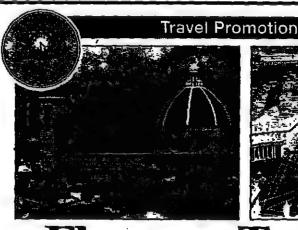
But Mr Johnson, who bro-kered the peace deal at Acas

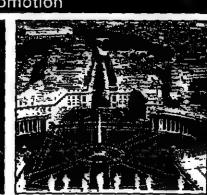
rejected by the union's postal executive, believes the two sides could still produce a work methods, given co-operation. "The only way to move forward would be for both of us to embark on a genuine voyage of discovery ... but the executive felt this would only lead to one thing teamworking," he said.

Teamworking operated in parts of the US Postal Service through an Employee Involvement scheme. The National Association of Letter Carriers had been a strong advocate of the programme, which had been drafted with the employers in an effort to reduce the "bitter, adversarial relationship detrimental to the interests of all concerned workers, management and the American mailing public".

the system NALC ran into a barrage of criticism. Some complained that NALC had got into bed with the management, and the American Postal Workers Union, the largest post union, categorically rejected Employee Involvement. In April the employers pulled out of the 14-year agreement blaming decreases in overall productivity and increases in grievance activity.

Earlier this year, a study by the Warwick Business School into Rover's Cowley plant, conducted in 1994 and 1995, suggested that the boom in production at Cowley may be better explained by a new car, plant investment and logistics improvement. Supporting this argument was the fact that output had improved in areas of the plant where team-





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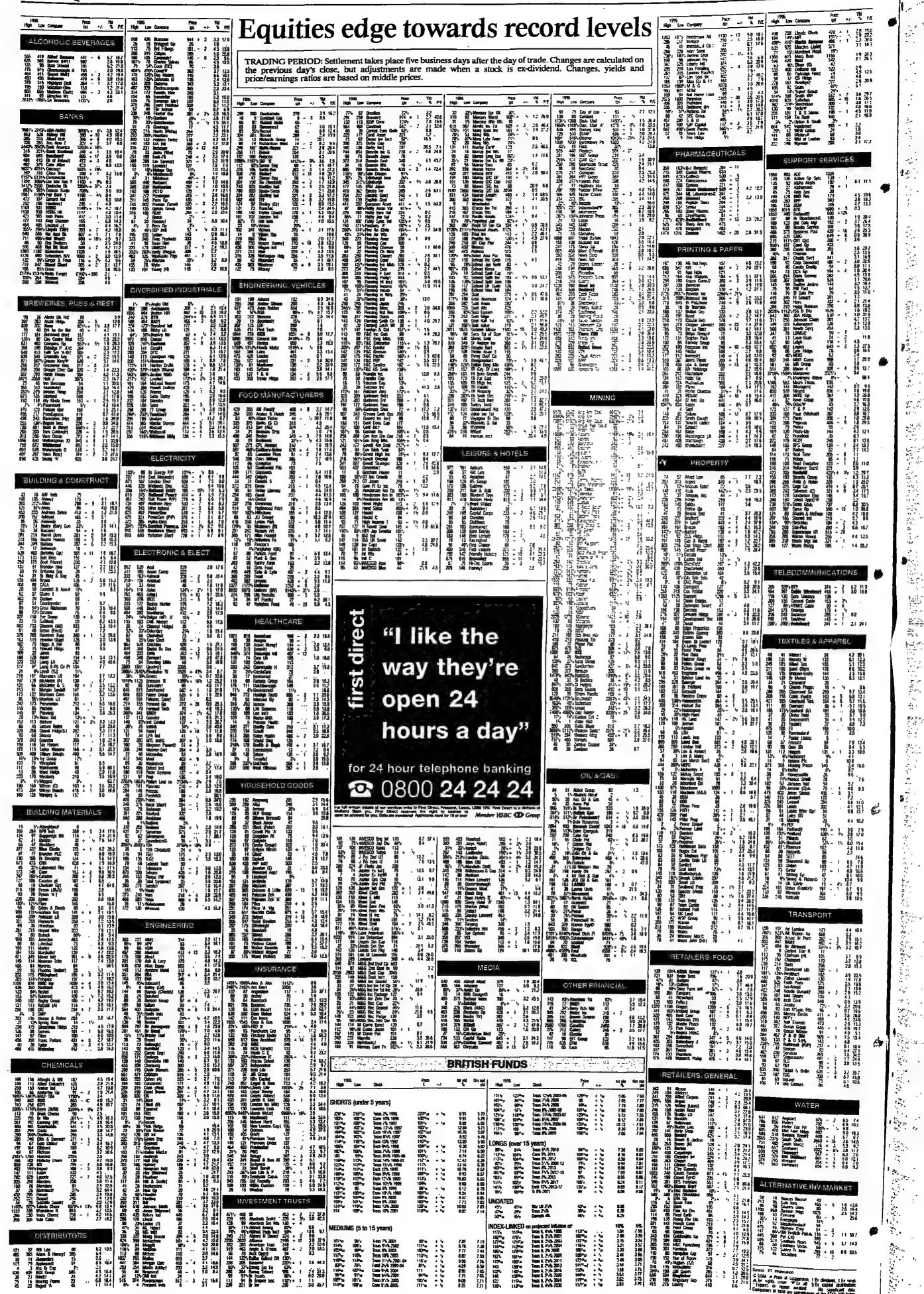
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Fresh steps for Mikhail Baryshnikov: the ballet star

prepares his new

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The star who came in from the old

James Bone talks to Mikhail Baryshnikov, who brings his modern dance troupe to the London Coliseum next week

t is 22 years since Mikhail Baryshnikov bolted from the Kirov Ballet in Toronto and became a darling of the West. Since then he has tasted all the blandishments of the New World: starring on American network television, performing on Broadway, acting in Hollywood, marketing his own line of fragrances.

You might expect that, at 48, "Misha" would be contentedly enjoying the fruits of his superstardom, or struggling to please the fans with flagging performances like those of the ageing Rudolf Nureyev. Instead, he has set aside his frivolous dalliances with celebrity and found a new sense of purpose. The "premier danseur" has hung up his ballet slippers and now tours barefoot as a modern dance maestro.

"Of course. I am a grandfather for a classical dancer. But I do not pretend to be a classical dancer," he says, his fierce aquamarine eyes defying criticism. "A lot of people in contemporary dance come on stage in their sixties and seventies. There is no problem with that if you are in tune with the choreography." British fans will get the

British fans will get the opportunity to see Baryshnikov strut his stuff when his modern dance collective, the White Oak Dance Project. performs at the London Coliseum next week. And as they will discover, the pint-sized dancer still has the power to mesmerise.

"My craft just mutated into something else." he explains. "When you are young and full of energy, you tend to overdance all your material. Later you start to find different aspects of movement which you had overlooked. That opened a lot of opportunities for me."

The odyssey that led Baryshnikov to modern dance began when he was a ballet student in the Soviet Union with glimpses of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers dancing cheek to cheek and tantalising articles in well-thumbed foreign dance magazines. The son of a senior Soviet military officer and a seamstress, Baryshnikov had joined the

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week

Mikhail Baryshnikov (centre) with members of the White Oak Dance Project. His name helps to ensure packed houses, allowing them the artistic freedom to experiment

local Riga Theatre Opera Ballet as a child, moving to the Kirov Ballet at the age of 16.

Although the same legendary troupe had produced nion die the Soviet Union in 1924 and eventually became head of the New York City Ballet, Mr Bineo-classical work was virtually ignored in his homeland. Visits by foreign dance troupes were few and far between. So the like other Kirov stars — Rudolf

Nureyev in 1961, Natalia Makarova in 1970, Valeri and Galina Panov in 1974 — Baryshnikov sought artistic freedom in the West.

On his arrival, like Balanchine before him, he quickly picked up the jazzier American beat. He went immediately to the American Ballet Theatre (ABT) and struck up a professional and romantic partnership with the ballerina Gelsey Kirkland. Soon he was work-

ing with such renowned modern choreographers as Twyla Tharp, whose playful Push Comes to Show of 1976 has become his signature piece. Tired of dancing the same romantic roles that he had learnt in Russia, he left ABT in 1977 and moved to the New York City Bailet to work with Balanchine.

None of the celebrated Soviet defectors has so embraced the American Dream. While dancing in New York, Baryshnikov seized every opportunity to study the vibrant nodern dance of his new homeland. Almost every evening he would catch a new film, a Broadway show or a dance performance. Soon he was dabbling in television, earning two Emmy awards for his dance specials. He also starred in the films The Turn-ing Point, White Knights and Dancers, and fathered a child with the Hollywood actress

"Hollywood was a curiosity," he says now, his film career behind him. "It was never serious, but I do not regret it."

Baryshnikov got the chance to indulge his unconventional tastes when he took over as artistic director of American Ballet Theatre in 1980. During his tenure of almost a decade, he championed the cross-fertilisation of those once mortal enemies: classical ballet and modern dance. In 1988 he asked Twyla Tharp to join the company as an artistic associate. He also commissioned

work by Mark
Morris, the precocious and
openly gay "bad
boy" of modern
dance. In 1989,
however.
Baryshnikov
was ousted in a
power struggle
that left him, at

in

amounted to a

midlife crisis.
Casting around for a new role, Baryshnikov turned again to Morris, then ensconced in his own self-exile at the Théâtre Royal de la Monnaie in Brussels. After dancing several times for Morris in Belgium, he proposed that the two should collaborate on their own dance venture: the White Oak Dance Project. The company takes its name from a plantation owned by Howard

Gilman, a paper magnate and

philanthropist who has sustained the group with support and facilities. At first the troupe danced only works by Morris. But its repertoire has grown to embrace an eclectic range of modern choreographers, and now often favours virtual unknowns. Baryshnikov himself, who now has three more child-

ren with former ABT dancer Lisa Rinhart, has become increasingly like the father-figure of the group, using his box-office pull to help to sponsor the enthusiasms of its younger members.

"Misha" tells it, the group sounds like a modern dance Utopia. Eleven experienced dancers take collective decisions about which choreographers they will perform, and tour the world to full houses—all in the name of artistic freedom. "I don't have anything to prove," he declares. "We just work with people we

admire."
Baryshnikov plans to perform two solos in London. The first, Chaconne, is by the late Mexican-American choreographer Jose Limon, the other is Morris's Three Russian Preludes to music by Shostakovich. Baryshnikov has danced neither piece in Europe before. The group will also stage two pieces by relative newcomers: What a Beauty by Kraig Patterson, and Quiet As Its Kept. the first work by White

Oak's own Ruthlyn Salomons. Even a short conversation with the mature Baryshnikov is peppered with references to being grown-up or "adult". Perhaps he will emulate Merce Cunningham dance on into old age. Despite three operations on his knee. he insists that he can still dance "flat out". He professes no interest in making a triumphal return to Russia, as Nureyev and Makarova did. Nor does he plan to venture into choreography. For now, he is satisfied just having a

"great time" on stage.
"One day I will wake up and & say I cannot do it any more.
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Belfast sees the funny side

Dark comic sketches
about paramilitaries
and policemen find a
sympathetic audience
in a troubled city

The West Belfast Community Festival was started ten years ago in an effort to improve the public image of this predominantly Catholic area. As well as the kind of events that might appear at any annual festival worth its weight in bouncy castles, it also includes political lectures, debates and meetings

which give it a unique flavour.

Last year's festival, thanks to the paramilitaries' ceasefire, was held in an atmosphere of ebullient optimism. Twelve months later, tapping into the requisite joie de vivre is far more difficult, particularly given the rainstorms that washed the murals from the Lower Falls

all the way up to Ballymurphy.

Dubbeljoint theatre company, which regularly premieres new work in West Belfast, usually provides one of the festival highlights. Marie Jones, author of Night in November, also wrote this year's production. Stones in his Pockets, which concerns two slackers who meet while working as extras on the latest American blockbuster to be filmed in Ireland.

As usual, Jones's choice of subject

reflects a current obsession — government film policy in the Republic has seen an unprecedented number of films shot in Ireland during the past two years. Jones's drama sets out to pose the unspoken questions of Hollywood's role in the construction of an Irish identity.

Stones in his Pockets poses these questions poorly. The onus of creating an entire film crew, as well as the population of a village, falls on just two actors,



The Hole in the Wall Gang: echoes of bitter laughter across the political divide

Conleth Hill and Tim Murphy, neither of whom seems comfortable with his task. Few of the voices are given enough time to make themselves distinct before the actors must switch to their next character.

The Hole In the Wall Gang is a Belfast comedy troupe specialising in sharp political satire. Its self-out show at the Feile began with an RUC "invasion" of the theatre in which members of the group ran in, mounted the stage, "truncheoned" a few bystanders to the floor and announced that the central aiste was on the route of an Orange Order march.

From this point on, the unflinching comedy slashed away at nationalist and Unionist icons with equal vigour. One dark dark sketch involved a spoof Gaelic athletics commentary delivered as an IRA punishment squad chased its victim—the wrong man—through his house before breaking his legs with hurling sticks. The audience roared with laughter. Your critic shifted uncomfortably in his seat.

Rosie McGurran's approach to framing the conflict and its effects on everyday lives took a far more oblique but equally effective angle. Over the central walkway of the grey, migraine moderne Westwood shopping centre, McGurran has suspended Women of West Belfast, a sequence of immense pastel drawings

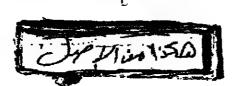
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A girl in Riverdance costume is tied into dancing shoes by two elders. Along the aisle, two women watch a burning car, their faces tense with reproach. In more mythical mood, McGurran has a chunky angel soaring over the mall on a sea of flaming petrol border.

flaming petrol bottles.

McGurran's style, developed through painting murals around the area, eschews the rhetoric of many of the gable-end images in Belfast. She opts instead for a more personal language which demonstrates that to speak powerfully does not mean to see things without equivocation.

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Gutter humour with an edge: a new play about the Mancunian homeless goes onto the Fringe



EDINBURGH

... but the cancellation of Robert Lepage's opening night gives the festival its first debacle





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... and Sir Charles Mackerras also has to overcome problems to produce a thrilling Fidelio



PROMS

Actor Michael Pennington narrates a performance of Gerhard's chilling work The Plague

Tony Burgess wrote about homelessness from experience, as Kate Alderson discovers

Stand-up and be counted

t has been said that if Tony Burgess was a Both are loud, proud, inyour-face Mancunians who draw on the same kind of wardrobe and hairstyles and are not averse to talking about drink and drugs.

As it happens, the 23-yearold stand-up comedian has a close friend who joined Oasis as their replacement drummer last year but quit after four weeks. Burgess is too loyal to discuss his friend but happy to



talk about the first play he has written, Comfortable Shoes, which has just opened on the

Edinburgh Fringe.

A wiry man with freckles and strawberry-blond hair, he has been treading the comedy circuit boards for more than three years after winning an "open mike" spot at a Manchester pub. He was 19 then, sitting with his friends having a pint, when he thought: "I'll have a go at that." He admits his performance was far from polished,) but it was enough to secure him the attentions of an agent,

Since then he has toured the country with his stand-up, becoming much in demand in London and winning a dedicated following in Man-chester. This is his third year in Edinburgh. His humour is black and

Sandy Gort.

often personal, his style conseen him will know that his happen in Manchester."



No holds barred: Tony Burgess is happy to discuss the darker side of everyday city life, including drugs and the plight of the young homeless

favourite material is drawn from his Mancunian roots and from a perceptive knowledge of the drug scene. His style is cynical and shambolic, he twists and lurches around his microphone as if in pain and talks with a flat-vowelled na-

"For me, sex is like the Olympics," one of his gags

Burgess is permanently reviewing the content of his routines. Sitting in the Atlas café near the Hacienda nightclub, he sips a pint of Guinness and chain-smokes. "It never entered my mind not to talk about Manchester in my stand-up because I live here. But you leave the place, travel around and realise it's

"I've realised you have to do nicer material as well as the harder stuff. At the end of the day you have to make people laugh. You are not going to make them laugh if you do a 20-minute set on beroin."

Burgess is in Edinburgh to compere a comedy night at the Comfortable Shoes, which play centres on two homeless

"Every car, every bus, every tram wants a piece of my head," opines Reebok, who wants to sleep but is prevented from doing so by the constant pounding of feet on the Benedict Nightingale finds a prince in darkness at the King's Theatre Davement.

While making people laugh, sometimes uncomfortably, Burgess's play is strong enough to chisel and nag at the conscience, reminding its au-dience about the street people most of us ignore.

Its author knows that it may shock some, while others will claim that its portrayal is inaccurate. But he has drawn on both his own temporary experience of homelessness and the experiences of friends he grew up with who are now sleeping rough on the streets of Manchester.

Two years ago, Burgess had been kicked out of a number of

characters, Reebok, played by Burgess, and Barefoot, played flats in the city and had even fought one eviction in the courts. When he came to by Mark Attwood. It is a dark, humorous and sometimes painful insight into life on the perform at the Edinburgh Fringe in 1994 he had been streets for two Big Issue sellhomeless for two weeks - but ers, including the stealing and he does not want his short drug-taking which form part experience compared with of their precarious everyday those of people who have spent years living rough.

When he returned from the festival he had his wages in his pocket. After staying with a series of friends he was able eventually to get his own flat, which he now shares with his girlfriend.

"I know a lot of people on drugs who have robbed, stolen food and who live in burnt-out cars in conditions you might see in the Third World," he says. "But I don't want to get all serious and into the politics of it all. At the end of the day, people on the streets are still people - that's what the play

"It's funny in parts because sometimes, when you are down there at the bottom, that's all you have left. Having a laugh."

· Comfortable Shoes is at the Music Box, Edinburgh, for two

The pain in Spain

THE main work in Monday's Prom was Roberto Gerhard's The Plague, his extraordinary melodrama for speaker, chorus and orchestra revived to mark its composer's centenary. It was neatly appropriate that the performance should have been an Anglo-Spanish undertaking, the BBC Singers and Symphony Chorus join-ing forces with the Joven Orquesta Nacional de Espana: the Spanish-born Gerhard considered himself an English

composer by the time he came

to write the piece in 1963-64.
Indeed, the themes of exile and eventual liberation in the work's literary source, Albert Camus' novel La Peste, must have appealed to a composer who had fled Franco's Spain. Though Camus describes a plague and its effects in sickening detail, most readers at the time of its publication (1947) would have recognised allegorical references to the Nazi occupation of France. Gerhard doubtless related it to his own experience, and it still has contemporary resonance; as the end of the plague is celebrated, we are cautioned that the bacteria can "rouse up its rats again and send them forth to die in a happy city". As the Narrator, Michael Pennington delivered the Orwellian lines chillingly. Every narrative detail is evoked in a

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score full of febrile tension: the work opens with the fluttering of beaten bows and shimmering percussion, suggesting heat and deathly stillness. Disembodied voices wail, but for the most part the chorus delivers its lines in spoken patter, sometimes whispered sometimes screamed. On paper such techniques may appear dated, but conducted by Edmon Colomer came across with harrowing power.

The young players were on more familiar territory later. In the Concierto de Aranjuez by Joaquin Rodrigo, they conjured up delicately shaded accompaniments to John Williams's solo guitar. He was slightly over-amplified, at the expense of some wind solos, but his playing was achingly tender, perhaps slightly muted at the cadenza's fiery climax. Orchestral ensemble was tighter in a disciplined. unrelenting but never soulless

JOHN ALLISON

Night of the iguana

THE cancellation last month of the Lrish leg of the Sex Pistols reunion tour, on which lggy Pop was billed to play, combined with the postpone-ment of his headlining shows in this small punk-friendly venue made this, the first of two nights at the Mean Fiddier, one of the most eagerly

awaited gigs of the year.
And, on the whole, the ig did not disappoint. Even be-fore he strolled onstage in his shiny black leather trousers and, of course, bare chest, to launch into the classic I Got a Right, there was an infectious buzz around a venue packed with a refreshingly diverse cross-section of Pop fanatics.

It wasn't long before this most irrepressible of countercultural figureheads built up a head of steam and showed just why he is so revered. The more inspired moments from his recent LP. Naughty Little Doggie - most notably I Wanna Live - blended with favourites such as Raw Power and Search and Destroy to send the moshpit into

The Passenger elicited the most frenzied reaction of the evening. Pop, who had his tail POP

Iggy Pop Dublin

up at this point, invited the pogo-happy crowd on to the stage to dance with him for the remainder of the song.

But towards the end of the set he seemed to shift down a gear. It should also be said that his backing band, an unsightly bunch who looked as if they had wandered off the set of Spinal Tap, were little more than functional. And, on a technical note, the sound was beefed up in excess of the

distortion limit. But all gripes aside, this was a tremendously enjoyable gig, partly because by the time lggy had jumped into the drum kit mid-song, attempted to pull down the stage curtains, and hurled the mike stand, javelin-like, across the stage, he had done enough to get himself arrested had his stage act been in the street

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as someone, conceivably an envias someone, conceivably an envious Glaswegian, put a hex on an Edinburgh Restival that was meant to be pretty special? Neil Bartlett's Seven Sacraments of Nicholas Poussin was announced in all the burni, then cancelled after the author-performer became ill. And on Monday evening the cognoscenti arrived at the King's Theatre to find that this year's opening show. to find that this year's opening show, Robert Lepage's Elsinore, had at least temporarily bitten the dust.

The reasons for the cancellation of Lepage's one-man foray into Shakespeare seemed ironic. According to the prepublicity, Elsinore is Hamlet as it might have been if the Bard had enjoyed access to electronic wizardry. It is "a remarkable synthesis of dazzling theatre technology and cinematic conventions".

But the posters hastily plastered outside

the theatre admitted that the problem was "a breakdown of the stage machinery". Maybe Shakespeare was better off with a wooden O and lots of human bodies than with lots of computers and a lone Lepage. Inside the theatre Lepage's compatriot.

To be – or not to be, actually

the High Commissioner for Canada, was pressing glasses of his nation's odd, metallic-tasting wines on his guests. "I had hoped to welcome you to a really great Canadian play," he said diplomatically, "but the mechanics have fallen apart." He then handed over the floor to Lepage's English producer, who explained that the King's technical staff had been working all day getting the theatre's rake flat enough to accommodate an extremely elaborate set, only to find at the last moment that they had failed.

"What do you mean rake?" asked a visiting journalist, puzzled at the idea of so simple an implement needing to be flattened at all, let alone causing such chaos. Surely a couple of burly Scots with large hammers could sort out any garden tool. It was gently explained that a rake is a slope, and that it was setting up "discrepancies between motor fuses". Whatever these were, they posed a danger of a reage, who recognitely expends much of to Lepage, who reportedly spends much of the evening doing avant-garde things while upside-down.

Downstairs, the punters got their money back or switched their tickets. Everyone was putting a brave face on an embarrassing and maybe avoidable muddle. Since a performance of Elsinore had apparently been cancelled when the show visited Chicago recently, and since the King's is not exactly an unknown quantity, someone, somewhere, had surely bungled. Or was the author of Hamlet reaching out from the grave to sabotage a version in which, as the publicity says, "horizontal platforms become vertical walls, perspectives constantly change shape, and Hamles becomes Gertrude". Newspaper technology allowing, watch

Saved by the subs

EDINBURGH well-nigh lost both its Leonore and its Florestan when Gabriela Benackova and Anthony Rolfe Johnson fell ill shortly before the festival's second mighty Beethoven night: a concert performance of Fidelio. But a possible disaster turned to glory when Anne Evans and Heinz Kruse took over at short notice to lead a totally compelling performance.
Fidelio's inner drama needs

no stage dungeon to reveal its darkness, no electrical cun-ning to signal its movement towards light. In fact, without visual distraction, its struggle of wills is bared to the bone, its collisions of inner and outer thought, its enclosures and its disclosures felt all the more keenly. And with Sir Charles Mackerras conducting the Scottish Chamber Orchestra. the performance frequently took on a quality of intensity more often found in chamber

music-making.

And this Fidelio was not without its real physical struggles, either. Anne Evans who, even holding a score, brought a characteristic and searing directness of emotional engagement to her Leonore, had to contend with the vagaries of three natural, hand-held horns who accompanied her aria Komm Hoffnung — for the first time since Beethoven's day, so we were told. Her words were, indeed, heartfelt. It seemed a wise decision to limit physical movement to the singspiel episodes, with their lively dialogue to attempt any degree of semi-staging in the encounter

between Leonore and Flores-

can would have been merely

40.00 **Fidelio**

Usher Hall, Edinburgh reductive. But without even

the aid of eye-contact, Heinz Kruse's otherwise powerful and vecally resilient Florestan did seem to focus on heroism at the expense of the role's more lyrical aspects. The virtuosity of the Edin-

burgh Festival Chorus, however. was uncompromised even though concert perfor-mance made life more difficult for them. In the extra work demanded of the imagination in recreating the prisoners' crescendo towards air and light without any physical ascent, they had an invaluable ally in Mackerras, who paced and controlled the finale to Act I thrillingly.

Chamber music proper had begun the evening in St Cuthbert's Church, where the Vellinger Quartet began the lestival's innovative Haydn String Quartet series in which six ensembles, some new. some longer established, will play 46 of the composer's 68

quartets in 18 concerts. The Vellinger are one of the younger groups, and their playing, bouncing raw and bright off marble pillar and sculpture, had an irresistible keen-eyed vision and spirited physicality. The Mosaiques the Keller and the Lindsays will have a hard act to follow.

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THEATRE 2

.. while those who pine after . Gerry and the Pacemakers will flock to Ferry Cross the Mersey

LONDON THEATRE: A classic thriller shows its age, but a veteran rocker happily defies his

All thumbs, these digits

ike several other clas-sic thrillers, Frederick Knott's first stage success is not a whodon nit but a willygetawaywithit. Patrick Hamilton's Rope and Gaslight are other examples. and so is Knott's later success Wait Until Dark. In Dial M for Murder the villain is Tony. tennis player with expensive astes, who craftily arranges to be at a stag party with his wife's lover when the crime is committed.

> Dial M for Murder Apollo

The crime, of course, is the murder of the wealthy wife, and dialling M for Maida Vale is how Tony will bring Sheila to the telephone in their sumptuously dreadful flat, where she will stand with her back helpfully turned to the curtains that conceal the hired

I am giving nothing important away by revealing these preliminaries, nor in adding that something goes wrong with Tony's perfect crime, enabling the actress playing Sheila to survive into the second half.

I have to say I was disappointed that Catherine Rabett did not disappear from the action with the knotted scarf round her windpipe. Knott creates a paper-thin person-ality for Sheila, so that we know no more than that she eats spaghetti with her lover and inexplicably darns her stockings with silk that does not match. These are not substantial ingredients for a character. But for all that, at the preview Rabett was not adding the yeast that would make the character rise.

As for Tony, he has to reveal callous greed beneath the 'veneer of charm, and show sufficiently quick wits to adapt

IF IT'S summer, it must be

Scott Hamilton. If only our

August weather was as de-

pendable as the American

tenor saxophonist, long a fa-

vourite with British audiences.

Red tape permitting, he may

even consider settling in

London — quite a coup for a

jazz community more accus-

torned to seeing talent cross

the Atlantic in the opposite

Hamilton has been a pivotal

figure in the revivalist move-

ment for so many years now

(long before Wynton Marsalis

took up the banner, by the

way) that it is easy to forget

that he is still a few days short

of his 42nd birthday. After so

direction.



the hangman by devising a

lurked in the undergrowth of

ed purpose. The audience is party to most of these purposes, and the play's tension comes from our not being able to detect what might expose

Peter Davison overdoes the crosspatch sulks when wornanly stubbornness threatens the smooth working of his plot, and to me he looked guilty as hell throughout, but his suave self-assurance when master of the situation feels

The opening scene in Peter Wilson's production is boringly static but the play improves from there. Brian Deacon (the the literary landscape 50 or so lover, and a writer of crime stories) plays an enjoyable scene with Davison when he But the play's language, speed and constructive style is extremely old-fashioned. Telecomes up with a last-minute attempt to save Sheila from vision and the cinema have

far-fetched sequence of events that a thriller must have that that happens to be exactly the extra quality of characters truly grounded in reality, and one that occurred. in themselves interesting, for John Vine makes the unaudiences to journey up west to follow their misadventures. smiling inspector the play's most attractive character, and Peter Bourke plays, with un-Tricks with latch keys, howevobtrusively convincing detail. er ingenious, are no longer one of those former public enough. school spivs who always

JEREMY KINGSTON

made detectives of us all, so

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Mersey

GERRY, with the help of his Pacemakers, is making a comeback. This news may not set everybody's pulse racing. toddling in the 1960s, when Liverpool bands were being ferried across the Mersey to sudden fame, might imagine that by now Gerry Marsden must be rocking with the aid

> Ferry Cross the Mersey Lyric

of a stick. But actually Marsden, rolling in to narrate his own story and steer his younger self (Carl Kirshner) away from the perils of success, is winningly hearty.

Fellow Scouser Cilla Black, an easy butt, does get a rough ride, but Marsden plays charitable tribute to other talents. not least that of his manager Brian Epstein, who died of an overdose after rocketing the Pacemakers — and, of course, the Beatles — to stardom. And, although a lifetime's cigarettes have burnt holes in Marsden's voice, he blasts out his numbers with spirit.

All the same, the Lyric did alarmingly take on the air of a rest home as the audience clapped along to I Like It, one of the Pacemakers' first three singles which all topped the charts (a Gerry hat-trick that made musical history).

The evening is awash with toe-tapping hits of the time. But, artistically, these medley shows are breathtakingly shoddy. We discover the Beatles, moulding their image in Hamburg along with Marsden, unrecognisably reincarnated in risible wigs.

Marsden's life story is reduced to snippets between endless songs. By the time we got to Needles and Pins, I was brain-dead. Crude caricatures include sour Krauts and a desperate drag queen. The voung Marsden is meant to get a laugh gawping up her skirt. The wit, dim as the lighting, is vying with the set. which can be cheaper. The fast-track to fame consists of a few drab cartoon vehicles and flashing signs.
There is hardly a thrilling

Proceeding

story to tell anyway. The Pacemakers fail to spin off the road in their cardboard sports . car. Gerry is not seen tussling with drugs. Eyelid-batting fans fail to lure him from his future wife Pauline. Ah well. the house was on its feet for the finale, senior citizens shaking, rattling and rolling on all sides. Rather life-affirming at the last.

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to coast at this

My Romance — a quintet date with the agile and warm-toned trombonist Joel Helleny - is the work of a musician who is still open to new challenges. Compared with the highwire showmanship and frenetic genre-sampling of the new retro pin-up James Carter, Hamilton's unflustered im-

His latest Concord album,

provising may _ **JAZZ** first. The nuances simply Scott Hamilton take a little Pizza Express longer appreciate. stage. A few years ago that Anyone needing further per-

Scott reports back for a new season

seemed a real possibility. No suasion should listen to the stately ballad-playing on the title tune of the new record. At Pizza Express we were also treated to a bewitching, fullbodied cadenza as he led the way into I Can't Get Started. The song title and the performance were happily at odds

For this residency - which continues, on and off, for another fortnight - Hamilton

British quartet. The up-tempo swing of Limehouse Blues and the more introspective lines of Skylark were dispatched with equal efficiency and grace. The absence of another horn player did occasionally make itself felt when Hamilton over-

indulged the remorseless pat-

appears, as usual, with a

tern of equal solos all round. A little less democracy would not have gone amiss. He and his pianist, the immaculate Brian Lemon, know each other's playing so intimately that you wonder why they do not risk one or

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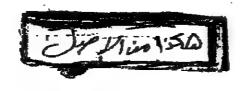
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Court of Appeal

Council damages for defective software cut

St Albans City and District Council v International Com-Duters Ltd

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Hirst and Sir lain

(Judgment July 26)

A local authority suffering a loss of

community charge receipts as a consequence of faulty computer software that provided erroneous population figures, was unable to rover the loss from the computer company that had provided the software because the chargepayers themselves were under an obliga-

However, the local authority was entitled to recover damages from the company in respect of the increased precept payments to the county council that it had had to make and could not recover.

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments allowing in part an appeal by the defendant, part an appear by the detendant, International Computers Ltd. from the judgment of Mr Justice Scott Baker (The Times November II, 1994; [1995] FSR 686) by reducing by £484.000 an award of damages for breach of anatomy machine. for breach of contract payable to the plaintiffs. St Albans City and

District Council. The Court of Appeal upheld the judge's decision that the exemption clause in the defendant's standard contractual terms and conditions seeking to limit its liability for loss to £100,000 was unreasonable and not enforceable under the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977.

Mr Conrad Dehn, QC, Mr Timothy Lamb, QC and Mr Adam Tolley for the defendant; Mr Richard Mawrey, QC for the

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the judge awarded the plain-tiffs damages of £1.3 million on the basis that the defendant had breached its contract to supply a computer system to be used in the collection of community charge by providing faulty software which in 1989 significantly overstated the

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith.

Lord Justice Waite and Lord

It was necessary for an apprieved

parent having recourse to a re-

ligious court over the abduction of

such recourse was ancillary to civil

proceedings for his summary re-turn in order to avoid the presump-

The Court of Appeal so held in

giving reasons for allowing on July

1980 (Cmnd 8281) provides: "... the

judicial ... authority of the re-

quested state is not bound to order

the return of the child if . . . (a) the person ... having the care of the

entid ... sequiesced in the removal..."

Before Lord Justice Phillips, Mr

Justice Jowitt and Mr Justice

In relation to DNA evidence the

following procedure should be adopted: first, the scientists should

adduce the evidence of the DNA comparisons together with his calculations of the random occur-

rence ratio; second, whenever such

evidence was to be adduced, the

Crown should serve upon the defence details as to how the

calculations had been carried out

which were sufficient for the defence to acrutinise the basis of

the calculations; and third, the

forensic science service should make available to a defence expert, if requested, the databases upon which the calculation were based.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal

Division, so stated when:

(i) allowing the appeal of Alan

James Doheny against his convic-tion in November 1990 at

Manchester Crown Court (Judge

Hardy) of rape and buggery for

Regina v Adams

[Judgment July 31]

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Justice Otton

Reasons July 19)

tion of acquiescence.

Thus when the plaintiffs came to calculate the amount needed to defray their hudgeted expenditure they had proceeded on the footing that they had a larger number of chargepayers to call on than they in fact had. So they had set the charge at a lower figure than they would have done had they known the true number.

Their losses fell into two care gories: £484,000 which they had not received for community charge in 1990-91 and a net amount of £685,000 which they had had to pay out by way of increased precept to Hertfordshire County

The judge was clearly right to hold that there was a breach of contract on the defendant's part because the software produced erroneous figures. .

Turning to the question of damages, the judge had made no distinction between the £685,000 and £484,000. A distinction had to be made. Once it was made it was seen that the £685,000 was recover able from the defendant and the £484,000 was not.

If the software had not been faulty the plaintiffs would not been had to pay out the 6685,000. Having paid it out, they were unable to recover it from the county council or any other third party. They could only recover it from their chargepayers.

Viewing the plaintiffs as having, for that purpose, the like capacity as a trustee for the chargepayers, there was no doubt that they could recover the £685,000 from the defendant. Otherwise the

The £484,000 stood on a dif-lerent footing. If the software had not been faulty the plaintiffs would have collected the £484,000 by way of an additional charge in 1990-91. Having not collected it, they were trable to perpent it from any third unable to recover it from any third party. They could only recover it, and they were bound to recover it. from their chargepayers in 1991-92.

obligation to pay in 1991-92 pre-cisely what they ought to have paid, but did not pay, in 1990-91. The plaintiffs could not recover the £484,000 from the defendant; the effect of the recovery would be to relieve the chargepayers of an obligation to which they were always subject: to give them a bonus to which they were not

On that question the judge was not referred to Parry v Cleaver (1970) AC 1) or to Palatine Graphic Arts Co Ltd v Liverpoo City Council (1986) QB 335). Had he been asked to consider them it was possible that he would have distinguished between the £085,000 and £484,000.

The key observation was to be found in Lord Reid's speech in Parry v Cleaver (at p15): "Surely the distinction between receipts which must be brought into account and those which must not must depend not on their source but on their intrinsic nature."

The contract with the plaintiffs had incorporated the defendant's general conditions for the supply of equipment, programmes and services. The effect of clause 9(c), if it stood, would be to limit the damages recoverable by the plaintiffs to £100,000.

Section 3 of the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977 applied "(1) ... as between contracting parties where one of them deals as consumer or on the other's written standard

"(2) As against that party, the other cannot by reference to any contract term — (a) when himself in breach of contract, exclude or restrict any liability of his in respect of the breach ... except in so far as ... the contract term satisfies the requirement of

The judge had dealt with tha question as one of fact. The consequence of his findings was on clause 9(c) except in so far as it. reasonableness. He concluded that it did not pass that test.

custody rights under the law of

The case was presented on the

Adopting Lord Bridge of Harwich's approach in George Mitchell (Chesterhall) Ltd v Finney Lock Seeds Ltd (1983) 2 AC 803, 816) as to the answer given by a judge of first instance to the question whether the requirement of reasonableness had been satisfied. the judge's answer to the question was to be upheld.

Lard Justice Hirst agreed.

SIR IAIN GLIDEWELL. concurring, said that there was one aspect of the case on which he wished to express his opinion; namely was the contract between the parties subject to any implied term as to quality or fitness for purpose and if so, what was the

numer of that terror Consideration of the question during argument had led to discussion of a more general question. whether software were goods. In both the Sale of Goods Act 1979 and the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982 "goods" included "all personal chanels other than things in action and money".

Clearly a computer disk was within that definition. Equally clearly a program, being instructions or commands telling the computer hardware what to do, of

If a disk carrying a program was transferred by way of sale or hire and the program was in some way defective so that it would not instruct the computer to achie intended purpose, was that a defect in the disk? Would the seller or hirer of the disk he in breach of the terms as to quality and fitness for purpose implied by the 1979 and 1912 Acts?

There was no English authority on the question. In Toby Construction Ltd v Computa Bar (Sales) Pty Ltd (1983) 2 NSW JR 48) the Supreme Court of New South Wales held that the sale of a whole computer systmem, including hardware and software, was a sale of "goods". That decision was rly correct but did not answer

when it came to a consideration of

the objective inferences to be drawn from the fact that he took

active steps towards a settlement

or adjudication of the matrimonial

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steps for many months, without

making any over statement that he was insisting upon the sum-mary, as opposed to the eventual, return of the children.

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which although standing alone might not have been sufficient to

with the children's summary re-

turn, provided a cumulative factor

which in the particular circum-stances of the present case tended

program was defective, there would, in his Lordship's view, prima facie be a breach of the terms as to quality and litness for purpose implied by the two Acts. But here the defective program was not sold. The property in the program remained with the defen-dant. Under the contract the plaintiffs were licensed to use the

An employee of the defendant had gone to the plaintiffs premises taking with him a disk on which the program was encoded and he had transferred it into the

The program was not "goods" within the statutory definition. There was no statutory implication. of terms as to quality or fitness for

Would the contract then contain no such implied term? The answer had to be sought in the common

The basis on which a court was justified in implying a term into a contract was strict, see per Lord Pearson Trollope & Colls Ltd v North West Metropolitan Re-gional Hospital Board (1973) 1 WLR 601, 609.

A contract for the transfer into a computer of a program intended by both parties so instruct or enable the computer to achieve specified functions was one to which Lord Pearson's words

applied.

In the absence of any express term such a contract was subject to an implied term that the pro-gramme would be reasonably it for, that is, reasonably capable of achieving, the intended purpose. Thus if, contrary to his Lordship's view, the matter was not covered by express terms of the contract, the contract would be subject to an implied term that the program was reasonably capable of a achieving the stated purpose and that as a result of the defect the defendant was in breach of that

implied term. Solicitors: Masons: Mr Michael

serve the welfare of the children

through care or contact than he

would have received if the dispute had been resolved in a civil court in

His Lordship did not want myone who read the judgment to

gain the erroneous impression that

ation procedures, of religious authorities carried the automatic

stains of acquiescence by an aggrieved parent in the wrongful abduction of a child from the

The role in such international

cases of the religious leader could often be invaluable in conciliation.

What was important, however,

was that the aggrieved parent should make it plain that such

step ancillary to, or in parallel with

the Hague Convention's remedy of

summary return, and not in

Lord Justice Otton and Lord

Solichors: Mishcon de Reya;

Justice Stuart-Smith agreed.

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Swift civil court action necessary after child abduction in this country where the father would be accorded a hearing no

heen caused or not."

Jones, Mr Rupert Mayo for Diane

Specific intent required to prove firearms offence

Regina v Jones (Ivor Frank) Regina v Jones (Diane Jane) Regina v Blarick Regina v Jarman Regina v Chennells

Before Lord Justice Hurchison, Mr Justice McKinnon and Mr Justice (Reasons July 24)

An offence under section 16 of the Firearms Act 1968 of possession of any firearm or ammunition with intent to enable another person by means thereof to endanger life required proof of a specific intent on the part of the possessor that another person should, by means of the lirearm or ammunition, thereof endanger life.

It was not sufficient to prove merely that the intention of the possessor was that another person should be placed in the possession of the firearm in circum vhere he could or might endanger

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held when giving reasons for having on June 14 allowed appeals by Ivor Frank Jones. John Lee Blarick, Peter David Jarman and Trevor Boyce Chennells against their convic-tions in November 1995 at Luton Crown Court (Mr Justice Drake and a jury) of conspiracy to possess intent to enable another person by means thereof to endanger life and by Diane Jane Jones against her conviction of consuitacy to deal in firearms. They were sentenced respectively to II years, II years, six years, seven years and 18 months imprisonment and Diane Jones was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment suspended for two

Section 15 of the Firearms Act 1968 provides: "It is an offence for a person to have in his possession any firearm or ammunition with intent by means thereof to en-danger life or to enable another person by means thereof to en-danger life whether any injury has

Mr Rex Tedd, QC, for Ivor

QC, for Jarman and Mr Howard Morrison for Chennells, all assigned by the Registrar of Crim-inal Appeals; Mr John Coffey, QC and Miss Ann Cotcher for the

JUSTICE HUTCHISON, givin the reasons of the court, said that Ivor Jones, a former police officer, ran a reg-istered firearms dealership. The prosecution's case was that Jones. wife Diane, Blanck and Jarman were involved in the possession and distribution of up to 260 handguns illegally, and that some at least of those guns were provided to or ended up in the

alarmoiro lo como in order to conceal that, it was said, there were made in the register, which Jones was obliged by law to keep, entries which purported to show that the guns in question had been sold to US Air Force personnel at bases in

Cambridgeshire. Jones and his wife were respon-sible for making entries in the register. Blarick was Jones's agent, selling weapon on a commission hagis Jarman distributed weapons to, among others, Chennells. It was submitted by Mr Tedd that the judge had seriously mis-directed the jury. Their Lordships accepted the validity of Mr Tedd's

criticisms of the summing up because it seemed that, even on the most favourable construction, what the jury would have understood was that provided they were satisfied that the appellants were in possession of firearms intending to supply them to persons who were in fact criminals, that would mean as a matter of law that they were in possession of the firearms with intent to enable others to endanger life.

The problem to which the second limb of section to gave rise had, in their Lordships' view, to be re-solved by construing it in its context, giving proper weight to all the words of the section.

The first thing to be observed, obvious though it might be, was

that both limbs of the section were concerned with possession by the defendant of firearms or as

was the state of mind of the defendant as possessor that had to

The second equally obvious thing to remember was that there was a difference in the relevant wording of the two limbs, in that the second substituted for the the second substitutes for the phrase "by means thereof to endanger life" the phrase "to enable another person by means thereof to endanger life". The additional words were "to enable another

The key to the problem was to identify the meaning of these four words in the context in which they appeared: in particular to deter-mine the shade of meaning that the

verb "to enable" carried. It plainly meant something more than to give the opportunity, because to equate it with such an intent would indeed be to make the second limb offence almost one of strict liability and amost one of street mainty are would certainly encompass the example of a man who negligently determined to hand a loaded literarm to an insufficiently responsible person, conduct which one could not sensibly contemplate as running with the first limb in a section creating offences for which life imprisonment was provided.

it was not necessary to prove an immediate or unconditional intent that life should be endangered. It was sufficient if the intent was that the firearm should be used in a manner which endangered life as However, with that qualification it seemed that an intention on the part of the possessor that life should be endangered was a

requirement of the second as of the first fimb of the offence. Whether on the facts of a particular case that intention was roved was a question for the jury to determine, drawing such in-

ferences as they properly might from the evidence. Although Diane Jones was in a different position from the other appellants, the points taken on her ehalf sufficed to make her convic tion unsafe also and accordingly the convictions of all five appe

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution

Capital gains tax relief lost through short occupancy

Goodwin v Curtis (Inspector

of Taxesì Before Sir John Vinelott [Judgment July 23]

To qualify for private residence relief from capital gains tax an individual's residence in the property had to have a degree of permanence and expectation of continuity. The relief was not available in respect of the gain accruing to the taxpayer on the sale of a furnihouse purchased by him and in which he had lived for only

a short time. Sir John Vinelott, sitting as a judge of the Chancery Division, so held diamissing an appeal by the tampayer, Mr Charles Paul Goodwin, and upholding a determination by Circnoester general commissioners that the relief given by section 101 of the Capital Gains. Tax Act 1979 was not available in

respect of the gain accruing on the Ferminate Section 101 of the 1979 Act provides for relief on a gain accruing to an individual on the

disposal of a private residence ... a dwelling-house or part of a dwelling-house which is, or has at any time in his period of owner-

ship been, his only or main residence..." Mr David Ewart for the tex-

payer, Mr Timothy Brennan for the Crown.

HIS LOROSHIP said that the texpayer purchased the farmhouse on April 1, 1985, for £70,000. At the time he was separated from his wife and he took up temporary residence of the property. He lived and slept there seven days a week. A telephone was connected and

On April 11, 1965, the farmbouse and locally. A purchaser was found almost immediately and completion of the sale took place on May 3, 1985, at a price of E177,000.

The commissioners in concluding that the relief was not available to the taxpayer, decided that to qualify for it an individual had to provide evidence that his residence at a property showed some degree of permanence, some degree of continuity or some expectation of

continuity. They reviewed the decision in Kirkby v Hughes ((1992) 65 TC 532) and noted the requirement for permanent residence and accepted

the Crown's contention that the taxpayer had not intended to occupy the property as his perma-That conclusion reflected the

observations of Lord Deming.
Master of the Rolls in Fox v Stirk and Bristol Electoral Registration Officer (1970) 2 QB 463, 475) citing Viscount Cave, Lord Chancellor, in Levene v IRC (1928) AC 217, 222) familiar English word and is defined in the Oxford English Dictionary as meaning "to dwell permanently or for a considerable ime, to have one's settled or usual shorte, to live in or at a particular

Lord Denning went on to list three applicable principles "that a man can have two residences ... address does not make a man resident there ... that temporary absence does not deprive a person of his residence".

The commissioners found that the taxpayer had decided to sell the farmhouse and had advertised it; that it was a nine-bedroomed a single man separated from his wife and child and in financial

They were fully entitled to take the view that the property was used by the taxpayer not as a residence but as mere temporary

Adopting the approach of Mr Justice Brightman in Sansom v Peay (1976) 1 WLR 1073, 1077) that Parliament's intention was "to exempt from liability to capital gains tax the proceeds of sale of a person's home", the commis-sioners were entitled to conclude that the taxpayer did not occupy the farmhouse as his home and

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Ingredients of hunt offence

and Mr Justice Smedley

Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994.

actions at a hunt protest.

"(I) A person commits the offence

Mr Andrew Jefferies for the defendants; Miss Anuja Dhir for the prosecution.

dants accepted that if the prosecution proved that what they were doing at the time of their arrest was in itself intended to have the effect of disrupting the hunt then they would have been guilty under section 68.

To be guilty of the offence, however, it was not enough to prove a defendant (i) was a trespasser on land in the open air (ii) at that time had a general intent to disrupt the hunt (iii) was moving towards the hunt with the inte tion that when he was within range he would do something, for example, blow a horn, with the

That would be called the narro interpretation of the section and his Lordship rejected it. In his Lordship's judgment if the above matters were proved and the court was satisfied that what was done evinced the requisite intention then the offence of aggravated trespass

was made out.
Problems of remoteness bedevilled such questions but it was to be remembered that the prosecution could not succeed in a prosecution under section 68 unless they proved that the defendant was trespassing and intended to disrupt a lawful activity and did an

act towards that end. In the present case, their Lord-ships had to take the relevant findings of fact to be that the defendants had an intention to disrupt the hunt and that they were running towards where it

was in order to carry out that intention. They had no intention that the running itself should disrupt the hunt but the running in the present case was sufficiently closely con-nected to the intended disruption as to be more than merely preparatory. The facts as found by the

tified the conviction. Mr Justice Smedley agreed. Solicitors: Bindman & Partners and Leathes Prior. Norwich:

magistrate more that amply jus-

which he was sentenced to concursomeone else with the same matching DNA characteristics. portant that he should not overstep the line which separated his provrent terms of eight years, increased to 12 years on a reference to the Pirate radio offence is absolute

Regina v Blake Before Lord Justice Hirst, Mr Justice McCullough and Mr Justice Toulson

Judgment July 31 The offence created by section I(I) of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 of establishing or using any station, or installing or using any apparatus, for wireless telegraphy without a licence was an absolute offence and proof of mens rea was

not required. The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when dismissing the appeal of Albert Philip Blake against his conviction on a plea of guilty, following a ruling. on March 18, 1996 at Wood Green Crown Court (Mr Recorder Carey. QC) to two counts of using a station for wireless telegraphy without a licence. On March 10 he was sentenced to a fine of £150 on each count and 1900 costs, and forfeiture of all equipment was ordered under section 43 of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act

Mr Philip Levy, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for

for the Crown. LORD JUSTICE HIRST, giving the judgment of the court, said that on various dates in February 1905 radio investigation officers heard ford Crown Court (Judge K. Taylor) of buggery for which he was sentenced to five years, Mr Alistair Webster, QC and

Gary Andrew Adams against his conviction in March 1991 at Staf-

Mr Andrew Nuttall, neither of whom appeared below, for Doheny: Mr Graham Cooke, who did not appear below, for Adams; Mr Michael Shorrock, QC, who

did not appear below, and Miss Rachel Brand for the Crown. LORD JUSTICE PHILLIPS. delivering the reserved judgment of the court, said that the cogency of DNA evidence made it particular larly important that DNA testing was rigorously conducted so as to obviate the risk of error in the laboratory, that the method of DNA analysis and the basis of should, so far as possible, be transparent to the defence and that the true import of the resultant conclusion was accurately and

fairly explained to the jury.
When a scientist gave evidence in relation to DNA it was im-

an unlicensed radio station called

"Ragga" transmitting on the VHF

The transmission was traced.

broadcast band. The disc jockey identified himself as "Casanova".

The appellant was discovered

alone in a flat, standing in front of

record decks, still playing music

Having regard to the clear

statements made in interview there

was no dispute that the appellant

knew that he was using the

apparatus. His defence was that he

believed that he was making

demonstration tapes and did not

After the recorder decided,

accepting the prosecution's conten-

tion, that the offence created by

section ((1) of the 1949 Act was an

absolute offence of strict liability, the appellant changed his plea.

it was common ground that:

I The word "use" was to be given

its natural and ordinary meaning;

Rudd v Secretary of State for Trade and Industry [1987] 1 WLR

2 The relevant general law was

accurately summarised by Lord Scarman in Gammon (Hong

Kong) Ltd v Attorney-General a

Five principles were set out:

Hong Kong [1985] AC 1, 14).

know he was transmitting.

and with a set of headphones.

for him then to say how many people with the matching characteristics were likely to be found in the United Kingdom, or

population at large. Provided that he had the nec-

essary dam, and the statistical expertise, it might be appropriate

sult-group, such as, for instance, the Caucasian sexually active males in the Manchester area, That would often be the limit of the evidence which he could prop-erly and usefully given. It would then be for the jury to decide. having regard to all the relevant evidence, whether they were sure that it was the defendant who had left the crime stain, or whether it was possible that was left by

person could be held guilty of a

2 The presumption was particu-

larly strong where the offence was

3 The presumptions applied to

statutory offences and could be displaced only if that was clearly or

by necessary implication the effect

4 The only situation in which the

presumption could be displaced

was where the statute was con-

cerned with an issue of social

concern, and public safety was

5 Even where a statute was

concerned with such an issue, the

presumption of mens rea stood

unless it could also be shown that

the creation of strict liability would

be effective to promote the objects

of the statute by encouraging greater vigilance to prevent the commission of the prohibited act.

their Lordships had not found

casy, clearly lay in the application

of those principles. Since the offender potentially was subject to

a term of imprisonment, the of-

fence was criminal in character

and Mr Levy was correct in submitting that the presumption

in favour of mens rea was strong.

1 There was a presumption of law unauthorised transmission a seri-

that men rea was required before a ous criminal offence must have

However, the purpose of making

The solution to this case, which

"truly criminal" in character;

criminal offence:

of the statute;

DNA in the blood sample taken from the defendant. He should properly, on the basis of empirical statistical data, give such an opinion. the jury the random occurrence ratio, the frequency with which the matching DNA characteristics were likely to be found in the directions in respect of any issues

the extraneous evidence which provided the context which gave

which conflicted with the concluresponsible for the crime stain. in so far as the random occurrence ratio was concerned, a direction along the following lines

might be appropriate, although any direction had always to be tailored to the facts of the particu-

"Members of the jury, if you accept the scientific evidence called

traffic control. Further, the imposition of absolute liability surely encouraged greater vigilance in setting up careful checks to avoid

committing the offence.
The 1949 Act was amended by the Broadcasting Act 1990, which created a range of new offenors and showed Parliament's concern to deter pirate broadcasting by bringing within the purview of the prohibition not only those directly

directly involved. The proper approach to that subsection dealing with unlicensed broadcasting was closely akin to the approach adopted to the absolute offence of possessing a firearm without a certificate, contrary to section 1 of the Firearms Act 1966.

but it was not necessary for them to show that he was doing it with a guilty mind.

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dom from whom that semen stain one of them. The decision you have to reach, on all the evidence, is whether you are rure that it was the defendant who left that stain or whether it is possible that it was one of that other small group of men who share the same DNA

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Insurance business requirements

Regina v Wilson (Rupert) Before Lord Justice Evans, Mr Justice Scott Baker and Mr Justice Sedley

[Judgment July 25]

For the purposes of section 2(1) of the Insurance Companies Act 1982, to "carry on any insurance business" included the processes of negotiation which began not later than the invitation to treat It was not necessary to enter into a contract of insurance while unauthorised under the Act before in offence could be committed. The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in dismissing an

appeal by Rupert George Wilson against his conviction in January 1996 at Birmingham Crown Court (Judge Crawford, QC and a jury) of carrying on an insurance business without authority for which he was ordered to perform 100 hours community service and disqualified from company directorship for five years.

Section 2 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 provides: "(1) Subject to the following provisions of this section, no person shall carry on any insurance business in the United Kingdom unless authorised to do so [by the Secretary of State)." Section 14 provides: "(1) A person

who carries on business in contravention of this Part of this Act shall be guilty of an offence." Mr Mark Eades, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals. for the appellant; Mr David Seconde for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE EVANS. delivering the reserved judgment of the court, said that the appeal raised the question of whether there was any contravention of section 2 before a contract was

The statutory definitions in sec-tions 95 and 96 spoke of "effecting

and carrying out of ... contracts". Their Lordships would hold simply that "effecting" included the processes of negotiation which began not later than the issue of what the law regarded as an invitation to treat.

essary, that the statutory defi-nitions were not exclusive and that "carrying on [an] insurance business" clearly did include soliciting such business, as the appellant did in the present case. A related question might be whether an insurer was carrying on business in this country when

They would also hold, if nec-

formally concluded by signature If carrying on an insurance business consisted solely of the formal making of the contracts then no offence would be commit-ted under section 2, even though all including receiving applications

and premiums and handling

claims, was in fact conducted in

this country.

In In re United General Commercial Insurance Corporation Ltd (1927) 2 Ch 51) the contracts were made and policies were issued in London and so the question did not arise, but in his ness Lord Hanworth, Master of the Rolls, included not only "the act of issuing policies" but he added (at p56): "Any negotiation in reference to them as to the terms or conditions or as to losses claimed for under them must be deter-mined at the head office." That supported the view expressed

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Winder and Others v Direc-tor of Public Prosecutions Before Lord Justice Schiemann

Judgment July 17] The action of running after a hunt with the intention of getting close enough to disrupt it was sufficient itself to amount to disruption for the purposes of section 68 of the

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when dismissing an appeal by way of case stated from the decision of Mr Nicholas Evans. stipendary magistrate sitting at Chelmsford, whereby he convicted Robert Alan Winder, Angeline Greenaway and Keith Regan of aggravated trespass under section 68 of the 1994 Act following their

The defendants had been running after the hunt through fields when they were arrested. Section 68 of the 1994 Act

of aggravated trespass if he treseasses on land in the open air and. in relation to any lawful activity which persons are engaging in . . . on that ... land ... does there anything which is intended by him to have the effect ... (c) of disrupting that activity."

LORD JUSTICE SCHIEMANN said that the defen-

Crown Prosecution Service.

the oppellant Mr Jonathan Davies

12 an appeal brought by the mother against the decision of Mr Justice Sumner on July 5, 1996 iurlediction of their local Bet Din. Israel of three children aged three, Article 13 of the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abdustion

Miss Judith Parker, QC and Mr she acted in breach of the father's

LORD JUSTICE WAITE said that the children's Israeli-born father and British-born mother

Lewis Marks for the mother; Mr

were both orthodox members of the Jewish faith and were married in an arranged marriage in May 1991. Unfortunately, it did not prove to be happy, but the family were still together in occupation in Bnei Brak, Israel, when the mother, without warning, re-moved their children to England in

the rabbinical court, and the mother also obtained orders from

Mark Everall, QC and Mr Scott Manderson for the father. mother's behalf to the judge as one

the Israeli Bet Din, unaccor panied by any request or demand Each parent then invoked the

the civil court in this country. Shortly before Passover 1996, the father asked the mother to agree that the children should spend Passover with him in Israel, promising to return there to her after the lestival. She refused. The judge found that the family had been habitually resident in

Israel, it was accordingly un-

disputed that when the mother brought the children to England

of active acquiescence. The actions relied on were the father's active pursuit of his remedies through

for a peremptory return of the children and his request for the children to spend Passover with him, accompanied by his undertaking to return them to the mother after the lestival. The judge rejected that view. Having decided that there was no acquiescence, the judge did not need to consider discretion but be

so by the Bet Din.

Court of Appeal by the Attorney-General, and ince from that of the jury. He should properly explain to the jury the nature of the match between

indicated that if there had been acquiescence, he would still have granted a return order as a matter However, in his Lordship's judgfounded in both the respects relied on by the mother. The father had acted entirely properly in following

to the letter the tenets of his faith and omitting to take summary proceedings until authorised to do

But that was besides the point

The judge's sympathy for a father whose conduct had been was thoroughly understandable. It was not, however, a factor to take into account when exercising the particular discretion, which de-

pended upon a weighing of objec-

Thus the substantive proceedings would be allowed to continue Procedure for introducing DNA evidence in trials

> A scientist should not be asked his opinion on the likelihood that it was the defendant who left the crime stain, nor when giving evidence should he use terminology which might lead the jury to believe that he was expressing When the judge came to sum up, the jury were likely to need careful

of expert evidence and guidance to dispel any obfuscation that might we been engendered in relation to areas of expert evidence where no real issue existed. The judge should explain to the jury the relevance of the random occurrence ratio in arriving at their verdict and draw attention to

been social concern in the interests of public safety.
Unauthorised pirate broadcasts frequently interfered with publicservice communications used by the police, fire, ambulance and air

responsible for establishing the stations but also the persons less

By analogy it was incumbent on the prosecution to establish that the appellant knew he was making use of the apparatus in question,

of Trade and Industry.

there are probably only four or live white males in the United King-

Tony Dawe meets a man with a mission to overcome doubts about outsourcing and financial services

Should a bank let its IT out?

oger Owens has come to Britain to challenge the pershould consider it only for activities which are not strategic to their business.

On international assignment from LBM headquarters near New York, his task is to ancial institutions in Europe that his company can tackle essential computer-based roles better than they can.
It will be an uphill struggle.

ogy is the fastest-growing area of facilities Though information technolfacilities management, questions are being asked by consultants and white-collar unions about the validity of

contracting out IT. More than one in four organisations in Britain already contract out system development and maintenance, and one in five have handed over their data systems to specialists, according to a recent survey. But, as one cynic put it, "today's nonstrategic function can become

Mr Owens is undeterred. IBM Global Services, which include the outsourcing division, achieved record earnings of £13.8 billion last year, and he is sure that new European deals will add to that. "People who say you should not outsource any activity which is core to the company are not "A company should take advantage of anything which somebody else can do at a higher level of service for the same price or for a better price with the same quality.

"If the company doesn't take the opportunity, it will be damaging its productivity and forfeiting earnings to its competitors,"

He believes the key areas in which banks should consider outsourcing are software development, data-centre operations, desktop management and specific problems which might be common to all of them and could best be tackled by one specialist company. Banks and other finance

houses have been reluctant to

part with such a vital part of their business. But Mr Owens argues that an inefficient company can spend between five and ten times more on software development than a productive one. "Software development is an almost artistic skill, not a scientific one with absolutes," he says. "It is

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lions designing the ultimate user-friendly application when something more basic might do. If a bank needs a new mortgage loan service, it could be more cost-effective to work with a company that has already built one than to spend £20 million developing its own system."

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computers". But benefits do accrue from outsourcing desktop management.

He says: "It is becoming increasingly difficult in a fast-

evolving world to manage PC software, help desks and the

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Services, has won a contract

tages an FM company can offer in data-centre operations are small "because it is hard to

make a bad deal buying

refurbishment of the hardware within a big company. We are managing about a million workstations under contract around the world and have defined 32 processes for

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Mr Owens believes that companies such as IBM can also help to solve code problems linked to dates after the year 2000 and the creation of a single European currency. He adds that IBM Global Services is engaged in an attempt to take over IT systems for an international bank with 14,000 orogrammers worldwide.

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Not everyone, however, shares Mr Owens's outsourcing zeal. David Linton, of the Data Group, a computer

and media services company. says: It is unwise for companies to employ managers who don't understand their who don't understand their own IT systems. They need a few very good systems administrators who know it well and will not suddenly move off to

another contract. These experts can then safely outsource simpler func-tions like running the help desk and basic software

nions representing IT workers are encouraging mem-bers to fight off outsourcing contracts. Peter Skyte of MSF, the white-collar union, claims companies are in danger of handing over their "crown jewels" by outsourcing IT. John Earles of BIFU, the banking union, believes that banks benefit from employing their own staff who have insider knowledge of the business. He says: We would argue that in many instances outsourcing is not in the interests of the banks, or

The union is producing a guide for members on how to respond to the issue and runs educational courses for those involved in IT. Mr Earles accepts, however, that the arguments of people such as Mr Owens may prove highly persuasive on some occasions.

"When it gets to the stage that we can resist no further. he says, "we would seek to gain the best deal and terms and conditions for our members if the contract involved them transferring to another

WHAT is a builder? Taylor Woodrow's chief executive Tony Palmer, newly elected president of the Chartered Institute of Building, asks whether "the terms building and builder still provide an adequate umbrella for the many different professional activities carried out by our members".

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A builder — but by any other name, please

easy, therefore, to spend mil-

training and visits. Details: 0181-675 5211.

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FMFILE European standard. The single colour will replace the

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> ☐ Chesterton has expanded its facilities and property man-

agement business by paying £5.2 million in shares to take over Workplace Management, whose main business is to supply services to ICL, the computer group.

☐ The annual exhibition of British Institute for Facilities Management home counties region will be held at 1000 Great West Road, Brentford, a landmark office building owned by Imry on the M4.

fron Virgin Records for its Grade II listed building in ☐ Mowlem Facilities Management has won a three-year contract to supply services at Quarry House, Leeds, the 100,000 sq ft building occupied by the Benefits Agency, the Central Adjudication Service and the NHS Executive.

☐ The £32 million contract for full facilities management at Thanet Health Care Trust has been won by Bateman/Target ServiceMaster, a joint venture between Bateman Catering, Tarmac and ServiceMaster.

☐ A sophisticated building management system that allows a technician in a store to monitor all services through a single screen has been installed at Marks & Spencer's store at Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. The system was installed by Andover Controls.

latest thinking on school, hospital and retail security, terrorism, computer theft and closed circuit television can be shared at this year's Business Security Exhibition seminars at Islington, north London, on October 23 and 24. Details: 0171-727 8400.

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The £160bn market

such as market test-ing and compulsory competitive tendering mean that about two thirds of contracting-out is in the public sector, a report by the Centre for Facilities Management at Strathclyde University shows. The centre also claims that the potential value of the facilities management market is about £160 billion, much

larger than the centre's previous estimate of £64 billion. The report is the second part of the research into the facilities management market carried out at the university and sponsored by Mowlem Facilities Management. It shows that providers of facili-ties management services are being given increasing levels of responsibility and are now sharing in budget-setting, the development of service-level

agreements and liaison with The survey found that facili- tracts. The greatest success

Survey charts huge growth

ties managers generally re-port directly to the board, hold responsibility for large portfolios covering several sites and manage budgets of more than £2.5 million. They prefer outsourcing contracts to be short-term and to cover a single service rather than total facilities management. Most contracts are for building management or for support

Though the public sector has accounted for a large proportion of outsourcing. there has not been a landslide towards private contractors undertaking the work, as was predicted when compulsory competitive tendering was

Private contractors have won just over half the con-

ment, the cleaning of buildings, highway maintenance and contruction. They have also been increasing their share of refuse collection contracts. Councils' own staff have tended to win contracts in ground maintenance and vehicle repair and mainte-

Factors in favour of direct service organisations have been the value of in-house expertise, the ability of existing workforces to improve efficiency and the reluctance of outside contractors to bid for services when they have no direct experience.

The Strathclyde report suggests that the private companies are becoming more aware and more competent in the public-sector market and are offering greater competition against existing local authority workforces.

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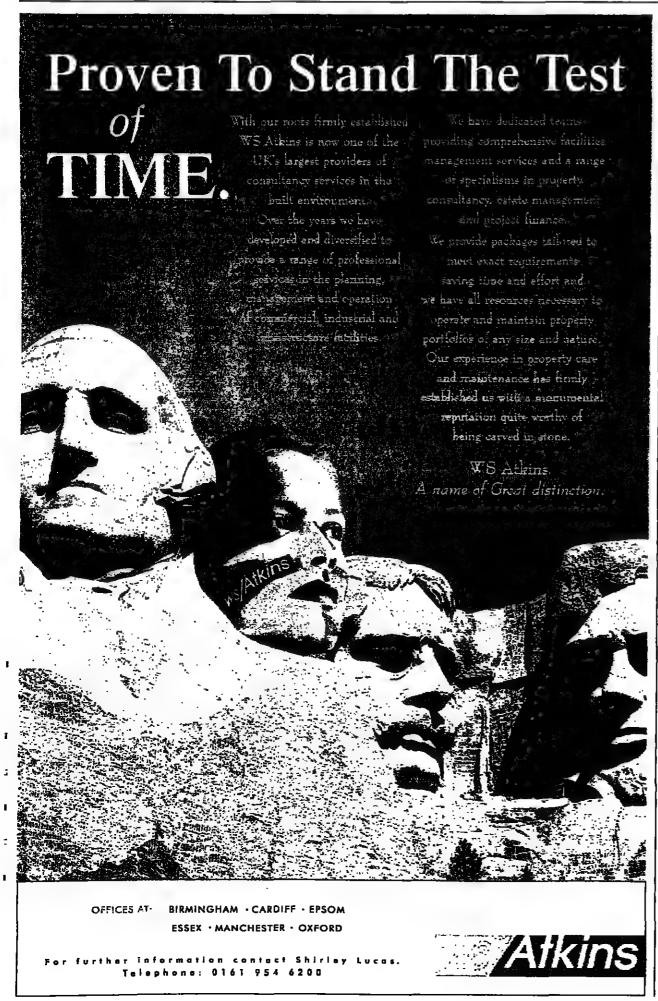
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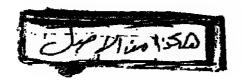
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When robots do the really dangerous jobs

Stephen Hoare looks at the worldwide role of British

FM expertise in the multibillion-pound

business of decommissioning nuclear power stations

radioactive waste from ventilation dicts or seal spent fuel and dibris inside secure metal containers reduce the risks for human operators. They are dening up the field for consulants, engineers and FM compinies to tackle the 100-year tisk of making Britain's obsette nuclear power stations safe for future

The Covernment is bearing the cost of decommissioning now ruthing at £300 million a year - wiping the slate clean for investors in the coming British Energy privatisation. The nuclear sites that need to decommissioned have all been retained within the public secor, the responsibility of organisations such as the Ministry of Defence, the UK Atomi: Energy Authority, Britisi Nuclear Fuels Ltd and

Magnax Electric. BNIL, preparing for a merger with Magnox Electric next rear, owns two operational magnox power sta-tions — Calder Hall and Chapelerost - and, with the

merger, will inherit plants that is a painfully slow process that have already closed down, such as Hunterston, Berkeley and Trawsfynydd.

Once at the forefront of the postwar race to develop a source of low-cost energy and plutonium for atom bombs, Britain is now a world leader in clean-up technology, according to Dr Bruce Dean of WS Atkins, specialists in project managing nuclear de-commissioning work.

"UK companies are," he says, "learning faster than anyone else because we are coming across these problems

sooner."
NNC, the company that built many of the early nuclear power stations, is also heavily involved in dismantling them. Dorothy Gradden, the NNC projects director, says: "Knowing how plants were built is vital in developing cost-effect-ive solutions for their decommissioning." Like many other British contractors, NNC is exporting its skills overseas where it has won a lot of business in the United States

has to be carried out step by step and costs in Britain will the next century. BNFL alone faces a decommissioning bill of £17 billion. With privatesector involvement, costs are being revised downwards all the time. The UKAEA has decommissioning work in the past few years and has cut costs by a third.

Key to cutting long-term costs are robots, which carry out a range of tasks, such as controlled-circuit TV inspections, pumping and removal of radioactive sludge, and heavy-duty tasks.

At Windscale, BNFL is using remote-controlled crushers to dismantle the plant's pile chimneys. On a project at nearby Sellafield, a floating robot is being used to drain and dismantle a tank of highly active liquid waste. David Young, of BNFL, says: "At Sellafield we have had to invest £20 million in a new ventilation system and robuts just to get the work started. The



but robots used in the early stages can pave the way for conventional civil engineering

and demolition operations." The approach has been to solit the work into a number of self-contained projects. At the Sellafield site alone, BNFL has completed 25 decommissionprojects since 1980 but it still has a long way to go.

As decommissioning gathers pace, so FM companies are

bounds to private contractors. Last year Procord bought UKAEA's in-house facilities arm and now operates six of the authority's sites — Harwell, Culham, Risley, Windscale, Dounreay and Winfrith - on contracts of up

Away from front-end de-commissioning, Procord manage the sites on a care and maintenance basis. Licensed by the Nuclear Installations

to six years.

Inspectorate, the FM company's work is not confined to a traditional FM role. For example, the company handles the transportation and removal of low-level radioactive waste at Dounreav to a store. There is also a niche market

for specialist FM consultancies to carry out method statements and safety cases. Amey's acquisition in May of Vectra Technologies, a special ist consultant, from its US parent company, adds to its growing FM operation and will help Amey's civil-engineering arm to tender for lu-

> eil Ashley, Amey's chairman, says: "We were jointventuring with Vectra on FM in the nuclear industry, so takeover was a logical step. This gives our civil engineering arm valuable health-and-safety expertise

crative decommissioning

The onward march of the robots could provide a happy ending to the decommissioning saga as government re-search facilities are moved and former nuclear sites are ren-

and provides Vectra with the

clout it needs to go for major

Procord has moved UKAEA into new offices on a nearby

technology park.
Stewart Wood, managing director of Procord's "nuclear arm, says: "Many aspects of former nuclear sites are just office complexes in a secure environment.

"Decommissioning will re-lease large areas of land once part of licensed sites to allow the development of business or technology parks of the



A robot to remove the core of the advanced gas-cooled reactor

Where staff can't hear the boss

FINDING caterers and cleaners can be hard enough. Finding staff who are also Leaf is stask to tax the most

dedicatel manager. Initial Figalthcare Services faced the challenge in Bed-ford Hil, near Tooting in south Lordon, A church has been converted at a cost of several nillion pounds to a unit for deaf people with mental haith problems.

The rationis had been housed a Tooting's Spring-field Hopital, where Initial linen serices. The Pathfinder Mentil Health Services NHS Trist asked whether Initial would extend its contract to physide housekeeping for the new unit - but there was a cath. By the year 2000, Pathfinde's deal division aims to epploy at least 50 per

ams to espady at least 30 per cent deafstaff. Shelley Hutchinson, Ini-tial's corract manager, ap-proached a club specialising in findin; jobs for the deaf. It

introduced 18 candidates and provided interpreters to conduct interviews in deaf-anddumb language. Two further interpreters had to be hired later to conduct training in safety and food hygiene.

"Of the seven staff we employ at the unit, three are totally deaf and three are partially deaf," she says, "The one member of stuff with full hearing has a good knowiedge of sign language."

Communication with suppliers is mainly done by fax, so bought Mini-Com units, which can be used to hold real-time written conversations by phone. In the kitchens, the doorbell is a now a flashing light. But the makers of the industrial ovens and heating equipment have been unable to provide an alternative to the standard audible alarms indicating tempera-ture and cooking times.

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Amanda Warrick, one of Initial's deaf staff, cleaning the showcase Old Church unit

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Category Two (projects £5 million to £25 million): Nigel Green, of Willmott Dixon (Brunei Gallery, London); Charles Baldwin, of Wimpey (Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Edg-baston, Birmingham); Tim Renwick, of Mace (Gatwick South Terminal, international departure); Mark Richardson, of Laing (Manchester Crown Courts): Peter Dracup, of Taylor Woodrow (Middlesbrough FC stadium).

Category Three (projects to £5 million): Chris Petty, of John Mowlem (newsprint House, Aylesford, Kent): Stephen Turner, of Hall & Tawse City (Madame Tussaud's and Plane-tarium); Bob Cross, of Tarmac (office development, Abermorlias, Merthyr Tydfil): Rex Schofield, of Wimpey/Tarmac (Hackenthorpe Police HQ, Sheffield); Kevin Dolan, of Amec (laboratory and medical centre, Conoca, Humber Refinery).



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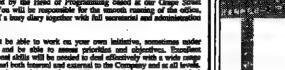
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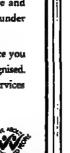
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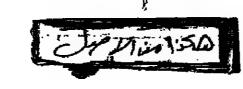
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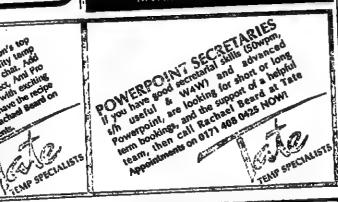
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Savill raises questions of leadership

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

the lack of strong leadership within racing coincided yesterday with the publication of the British Horseracing Board's (BHB) pre-Budget submission for a £77 million cut in betting

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On a day when Lord Wakeham and Tristram Ricketts, the chairman and hief executive respectively of he BHB, would have prelerred a display of unity to support the case for betting duty to be reduced from 6.75 per cent to 5 per cent, they found themselves on the recriving end of vehement criticism from Peter Savill, a leading racehorse owner and recently elected member of the Racehorse Owners' Association (ROA) council.

Savill has been a thorn in the side of the racing establish-ment recently. While the BHB wants a I per cent betting duty cut (worth £44 million) to facilitate a 1 per cent cut in deductions paid by betting shop punters with the remaining 0.75 per cent cut (£33 million) going to racing, Savill as campaigned for the BHB To concentrate its efforts on swelling Britain's internationally low levels of prize-money. Yesterday he turned his fire on the people running racing and did not mince his words.

Lord Wakeham does not have the time, experience, commercial background or sufficient in-depth knowledge of racing to give the sport the strong leadership it requires, he said. "I am probably ecriticising Tristram Ricketts more than I am Wakeham because the person who should be leading the industry is the chief executive, in the same

AN OUTSPOKEN attack on way a managing director runs divisions within racing and a company. But because he isn't, people think Wakeham is the leader of the industry.

The racing industry is basically a business but if you look around at the people in the positions of authority, it is hard to find many, any, who are truly commercial people with a strong background in business or industry.

"From the little experience I have had of being exposed to the administration of racing, l cannot see there is strong leadership coming from the people in power. I don't see it at all in terms of where the

HOW BRITAIN IS HANDICAPPED

Percentage of botting turnover returned to racing in the leading countries

sport is going, firmness in how the business is being run and how the dealings and negotiations with bookmakers should be conducted. They are petri-fied of the bookmakers as far

as i can see." Lord Wakeham's experience in government had prompted a general perception that he would be able to "fix" a cut in betting duty for racing. "I feel that is a little naive. Does Kenneth Clarke owe Lord Wakeham £100 million worth

of favours?" Savill blamed the lack of strong leadership for the

THUNDERER

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

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8.30 ARIZONA BEVERAGES MAIDEN HANDICAP

11-4 Flying Harold, 2-1 Shee Solin, 4-1 Allsters Rocket, 5-1 Gool Lee Shay, 6-1 Phantom Hizes, 7-1 (bayang, 16-1 Seconds, Anday, 20-1 others,

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TRANCES: P Hastam, 24 wiscours from 121 runners, 19.6%; D Haydo Jones. 5 from 25, 19.2%, M Johnston, 33 from 161, 19.2%; J Berry, 46 from 255, 18.0%, M Channon, 6 from 39, 15.4%, JOGEYS: J Waswer, 39 winners from 145 rides, 26.9%, I Williams, 11 from 63, 17.5%, J Forkure, 18 from 104, 17.3%; D McKeuwn, 23 from 157, 14.6%, A Mackey, 16 from 117, 13.7%.

7.30 ARIZONA MAIDEN HANDICAP (52,906: 1m 31 16yd) (5)

6-4 Gull Of Sam. 7-4 to A Tizzy 7-2 Classoc Beatly 8-1 others

8.00 ARIZONA CLAIMING STAKES

(3-Y-0: £2,577: 1m 65yd) (5)

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6.00 ARIZONA HANDICAP

(£3.820; 1m-5l 9yd) (7 runners)

he contrasted events here with those across the Channel. "Racing needs strong leadership and in France, Jean-Luc Lagardere, who was an incredibly successful industrialist, is putting French racing on

a firm financial footing and making sure the industry goes forward in an internationally competitive environment, i don't see we have got the structure or the personalities in place yet to be able to be competitive with other countries who are moving their industries forward."

The degree of anger created within BHB circles by Savill's remarks can be gauged from the response yesterday by Sir Paul Fox, chairman of the Racecourse Association and a BHB member. "Someone who lives in the Cayman Islands is not exactly the sort of chap who will help racing's cause with the Chancellor. He has his residence outside this country and, unlike the rest of us, doesn't pay tax here. John Wakeham served in the same Cabinet as Kenneth Clarke and if racing stands any

chance of getting a cut in

case, John Wakeham is the man to do it." The BHB's cogently argued submission highlights the impact of the lottery on betting turnover, levy yields and prize-money levels; the low percentage of betting turnover returned to British racing compared with other countries; the "disturbing" decline in investment in two-year-olds and the exodus of high quality bloodstock abroad, including the last five Derby winners to



Savill is critical of the British Horseracing Board leadership. Photograph: Gerry Cranham

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GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

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3.00 STRUTHERS AND CAPTER HANDICAP

(£4,081; 50) (10) 4-1 Brecongil Led, 5-1 The Ward, 11-2 May's Burlanus, 5-7 Caption Cural, 13-2 "Nich Glow, 7-1 Able Sherill, 8-1 Others

3.30 CONTRAC-IMATION NURSERY HANDICAP

. (2-Y-0; £4,315; 5f) (6)

4.00 HULL DAILY MAIL HANDICAP 43-Y-0: £4,003: 1m 1f 207yd) (6)

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4.30 JOURNAL MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,847. 7f 100yd) (8)

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SALISBURY: Trainers: A Stewart. 4 winners from 14 numers, 28.5%; J Goscien, 11 from 40, 27.5%; H Cecil, 9 from 37, 24.3%; Lord Huntingdon, 15 from 63, 23.6%, P Chappis-Hyam, 8 from 34, 23.5%; B Hanbury, 4 from 19, 21.1%. J Fanshawe, 7 from 36, 19 4%

Jockeys; L. Detion, 25 winners from 115 rides, 21 7%; Dane O'Neill, 12 from 57, 21,1%; Pat Entitien, 21 from 113, 18,6%; M Hills, 10 from 54, 18,5%, M Henry, 4 from 24, 16,7%; G Carter, 9 from 57, 15,5%;

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1.45 Rasmussen. 2.15 Pollsh Warrior. 2.45 Lunar Mist, 3.15 Monument. 3.45 Min Alhawa. 4.15 Misty Cay. 4.45 Kataf. 5.15 Dramatic Moment.

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1.45 ISLE OF WIGHT MAIDEN STAKES (DIV 1: 2-Y-O: £3,217; 81 212yd) (11 runners)

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3.15 H & LESTER MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP (£3,418: 1m 1t 209yd) (15)

7-2 Action HRR, 6-1 Monument, 7-1 Transformation, Law Daniell, 8-1 Sweet Paulous, Fairy Ringles, 12-1 Exemption, 16-1 others

3.45 UPAVON FILLIES STAKES

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4.15 BEMBRIDGE CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,805: 61 212yd) (18)

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4.45 ISLE OF WIGHT MAIDEN STAKES (DIV II: 2-Y-O: £3,191: 8/ 212y0) (11)

5.15 NEWPORT FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,236: 1m 4f) (15)

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YESTERDAY SAESULIS

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2.30 (1m 5/d) 1, Catd'oro (S Drowne, B-1): 2. Sharp Shuffe (7-2): 3, Sharmood (16-1); 4. Gooseberry Pre (2-1 fav) 17 ran, NR: Melpharna, Sh Nd, 11vi G Baiding, Tota: 19.50; 21.80, 11.20, 25.10, 27.50, DF: 521.80 Trio £108.60, CSF-£35.98 Tricast: 6/23.98 221.80 InD 1 to bit CSP 251.50 Index. 2423.98
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108: 50:00 Pt - 2 of Car 15:00 4.00 [St 11] 1, Michright Spell [M Herry, 9-2]: 2 Silv Cortage (9-2): 3, Call Me I'm Blus (9-1), Mindrace 7-4 lav. 7 ran. NF: Imposmy Time 29-1, 134, J Hills Tore: 58:10, 52:10, 52:80, DF: \$10.80, CSF: 522.77. 4.30 (51 f61yd) 1, Maid By The Fire (Dane O'Ned 8-1, Thunderer's rap); 2, Maserall Monk (3-1 fax), 3, Anolesto (14-T). 10 csn. St Ind. 1 kil P Cole. Tote: E8 90, £2.50, £1 70, £3.80. 'DF: £13.90 Tho: £103.70 CSF: £30.50 Tricast: £313.30 CSH: £30.50, Theast: £313.30 5.00 (1m 3t 144yd) 1, Patal (Paul Eddery, 5-2 pf-ad; 2, Neapoort Knight (6-1); 3, Tappelo (6-1) Platinum Plus 5-2 pf-tax 8 ran Sh hd. 15-1 C Horgan, Totel £3.50; £1.40, £1.90, £2.20. DF: £4.60 CSF. £18.20 Threast £78.34, Jackpot not won (pool of £42,158.81 carried toward to Gendown Park today),

Placepoit £878.10. Quadpoit £68.60,

5-2 (av): 2, A-Assem (6-1), 3, Get Arroy With It (6-1), 10 ren. 11, 41 M Prescott. Tota: C1.80; C1.50; C1.50; C1.60; C2.20 DF: C9.80; Troc. 17, 50; C1.50; C 8.15 (Im 31 183yd) 1, Sweetness Herself (M Baird, 16-1); 2, Blenheim Terrace (6-1); 3, Dencing Cavaller (16-1) Parsa 9-4 (av 11 gan, Nk, 4, M Ryen, Tote; £16.70; £3 40, £1 30, £400 DF; £46.90, Trio: £251.00 CSF £103.05

Placepot: £1,322.30. Quadpot: £53.10. Thirsk Going: good

Going: good 5:30 (1m) 1, Jerry Cutrone (K Fallon, 3-1); 2, Royal Ceilich (8-1); 3, Tarl (6-1), Eric's 8att 5-2 law, 8 rar. NFT (co Hasty 154), 31, N Cellaghan, Tote: £28,0, £15.0, £15.0, £12.0, DF: £5.90 Trio: £6.20, CSF: £20.30, Tricase: £97,88, Fride Pheritasy (9-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduct 10p in pound. 7.00 (7) 1, Vegabond Chanteuse (L. Chamock, 10-1); 2, Biogning Amazing (11-4); 3, Impenal Or Meiric (14-1), Cambridge Bail 11-8 tav 11 ran, Shhd, 4, 1 Christington, Tota: £11-90; £3.00, £7.70, £2.90, DF: £30.70, Timo £104.90, CSF, £40.00.

7.30 (2m) 1, Shirley Sue (J Wesser, 11-10 tay), 2, Unide Doug (5-1); 3, Sherp Sensation (16-1) 11 ren, 2, an no M Johnston, Tota: 52.30; 51.30, 51.90, 52.60, DF. £4.60, Tota: 524.80, CSF: £7.65, Tricast 556.02.

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\$.00 (5f) 1. Balladoole Balan (J Weever, 4-1); 2. Prates Dome (33-1); 3. Sylvan Demes (7-4 tay), 12 ran 114, 131 M Johnston, Tote: 95.50; 21.80, 93.90, 21.40 DF: 9286.30. Trio. 5317.00, CSF: 938.68.

8.30 (5f) 1. Literary Society (S Sanders, 4-1), 2. Bee Heath Boy (10-1); 3. Ostey (9-4 lay) 11 na. Nt. shib. J. Tolles, Tote: 94.10. 52.00, 12.60, 11.80. DF: 925.00 Trio: 93.30 CSF Eat 62 Trios: 110.05.63.

THUNDERER 7.15 Old School House 5.45 SEVENTEENS LUCKY (nap)

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The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 7.45 UNALLOYED. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 5.45 Seventeens Lucky. 6.45 ABEYR (nap). 7.15 Jiyush.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

5.45 PACEMAKER & THOROUGHBRED BREEDER RACING SCHOOLS

APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£3,372: 1m 14yd) (9 numers)

1998: PROJEKSHITER 4-8-11 J Tabs (7-2) J Eyrs 9 RM

6.75 WEYBRIDGE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES

1995; SLIPREME POWER 9-0 C Ruby (13-2) W Mult & mi

6.45 ELMBRIDGE CONDITIONS STAKES (25,296: 1m 14yd) (10 runners) | 1/43-00 | 1PATER NOSTER 151 (D.8.5) (M Miyers) Mrs J Cacil 7-8-0 ... Patil Edding (S) | 1/43-00 | 1PATER NOSTER 151 (D.8.5) (M Miyers) Mrs J Cacil 7-8-0 ... Patil Edding (S) | 17 ABEYR 78 (D.5.5) (A M Michesen M Joves 3-8-12 ... PRoblemse 8-6 (T) | 38-10 | RighyABI 11 (D.5.) (A M Michesen M Joves 3-8-11 ... W Garrier 78 | 41823 | PAMTOM DUEST 13 (D.8.7.7) (K Abdules) H Cacil 3-8-11 ... Pat. Edding (T) | 68-2030 | LAP OF LIBOURY 13 (SDE), ER (H M-HYOO) W Jarrier 7-8-6 ... B Transmer (M) | 3820-00 | TARTE AUX PORMES 48 (D.F.) (A Richarde) C British 4-8-9 ... B Doyle 98 | 40-20 | CEVITTE STALLS 173 (S) (A Pic-Jeory) R Jordson Propietos 3-8-7 B Banders 95 (T) | 38-90 | COMBUTTAL 13 (D.6) (Smith Michesented) J Gestion 3-8-7 ... L Deltan 96 (M) 4218-04 | Limbertro 5 (D.5) S At Horresol R Humand 3-8-7 ... D Hamiton 91 | (4) 521-440 | TAMHO 56 (F) H At Michesen H Therson Janes 3-8-7 ... G Carter 98 | TAMHO 56 (F) H At Michesen Conf. 4-1 | Abeyr 8-1 | Lap Of Louise, 8-1 | Instalt. Computat. 10-1 | Lomboto. 12-1 Pater 13-1 | Table 13-1 | Tamboto. 12-1 Pater 13-1 | Table 13-1

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7.15 SURREY RACING HANDICAP (£5,550: 1m 6f) (10 runners)

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7.45 COBHAM MAIDEN STAKES

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8.15 PRINCESS ALICE HOSPICE HANDICAP SKY (£3,664: 51 6yd) (12 runners) (£3,664: 51 6yd) (12 runners)

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602 (8) 44-0636 THAI MORNING 93 (D.F) (Thai Connection) P Harris 3-9-7... 6 Hind 90

603 (4) 6315-00 PALEY PRINCE 7 (CD.F.6) (Shirval Partners) M Usber 10-9-6. 5 Whatworth 88

604 (5) 300050 BARRANAK 14 (M MacEarley) G McCount 4-9-4. B Thomson 98

605 (3) 000575 SQUIRE CORPRE 7 (B.CD.F.6) E Harmond 4-9-3. Gaye Harmond (7) 93

606 (1) 002-900 METAL BOYS 26 (CD.F.6.5) (Miss 1 Sabbil) Wiss 1 Sabbill 9-9-0 D Harrison 90

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Long hamilton: Logie Perl Lad 7-4, Oscillats Silt 6-12. BETTING: 9-4 Half Tone, 3-1 Gone Savege, 5-1 Squire Corns, 8-1 Annihit Batchmonth, 10-1 That Morning, 12-1 Barragak, 14-1 Metal Boys, 16-1 others.

1995: XING RAT 4-9-10 W Carson (13-2) T Etherington 9 ras

FORM FOCUS

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Southwell Going: good

Ouncell Crossett (20-1), 7 ran. 201, 131 K Morgan, Tote: £3.90; £2.20, £2.00. DF: £5.40 CSF: £14 10. 2.45 (2m 4) 110yd chi 1, Maggods Green (R. Johnson, 11-4 (Hay), 2. Noblely (11-4 (Hay), 3. Noblely (11-4 (Hay), 3. Nocalchim (11-4 (Hay), 7. The Country Trader 11-4 (Hay, 4 ran NR Wake Up Luv, 4), 18), J Bradley Tote, \$4.50. DF: \$4.20. CSF: £9.23. 8.15 (2m holle) 1, Glerwelly (G Brackey, 5-2), 2, tile Mon (8-15 tex); 3, Shallik (8-1), 4 ran 61, 131. B Murrey Tote: £3.50. DF: £1.70 CSF: £4.27

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3.45 (2m 4f 110yd hole) 1, Longcroft (R Johnson, Evens fav); 2, Desert Challenger (6.4); 3, Pertemps Plyer (14-1), 5 ran. 12, 5l. 5 Kettlewell Tote: £2.20; £1 10, £1.10 DF £1 10, CSF £2.48

4.15 (2m 4f 110yd hole) 1, Tracie Wind (Nichael Bestman, 5-4 ten); 2, Antiquen Plyer (8-1); 3, Laser Light Lady (25-1), 5 ran. Nic. £61.30 Sines. Tote £1.70, £1 10, £2 30 DF: £8.90 CSF; £9.92

4.55 (2m hole) 1, Rud'is Pride (N Smith, 3-4) 4.45 (2m hole) 1, Rudi's Pride (N Smith, 3-1); 2, Game Dilemma (13-8 fav; 3, Vain Prince (4-1), 6 nan Nk, 3, S Bell Tote: \$4.20; \$2.20, \$1.30, DF: \$3.30 CSF: \$8.03

Placepot: £227.10. Quadpot: £31.40. Monday's late details

Leicester Going: good Going: good 6.15 (\$1218)(d) 1, Jingolet (B Doyle, 5-1): 2. Dancing Star (14-1); 3, Don't Forget Shoka (9-1): Eager To Please 11-4 tav 8 ran, 1161, 61. J L. Harris, Tote, 65.20; 61.40, 62.20. 52.50, DF: \$30.70, CSF- 657.34 Tricast 525.42 8.45 (1m 8yd) 1, Bandit Girl (T Culmin, 9-1); 2. Eurobox Boy (9-2 J-lav); 3, Misser Woodstick (8-1). La Teleu 9-2 (1-lav, 14 ran, NR: Northern Judge, 31, 1461, 1 Balding, Tote: \$10.50; 62.90, DF: 52.90, DF: 529.70, Trick \$156.70 CSF- 649.40 Tricest 5258.55

2.15 (3m 110)rd ch) 1, George Ashland (AS | \$258.55 Smith, 4-1); 2, Blue Raven (11-4 lav), 3, 7.15 (1m 11218)rd) 1, Sharpical (G Duffield,

Placepot: £47.10. Quadpot: £14.70.

FOOTBALL: OPENING MATCH AGAINST DOUBLE-WINNERS MARKS TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF ARRIVAL AMONG GAME'S ELITE

Wimbledon's gang still crazy after all these years

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

t was 1986, and Wimbledon had arrived; from top of the non-League pyramid to the top division of the Football League, in only nine seasons. A bunch of grizzled desperadoes, snarling and sneering, kicking and rushing, who had somehow buildozed their way through the professional ranks.

Prepare to meet thy doom, crowed the critics. The first division was no place for such a crazy gang, the Crazy Gang, of young upstarts from a rough end of the posh part of southwest London. Just look at Plough Lane, their ramshackle apology for a stadium. They just don't belong among us:

they just won't do. It is 1996, and Wimbledon are still there. Privileged members of the FA Carling Premiership, by right, and still persistently bloodying



noses of the so-called elite. Many of those who complained so bitterly, and patronisingly, have long since passed them by on their plunge down the League.

On Saturday, appropriately against Manchester United. the double-winners, Wimbledon mark their tenth anniversary of life among the big boys. They continue to fight for scraps at the rich man's table, relying on a (ruitful youth policy or shrewd market investments, but, perhaps. have at last earned the grudg-

ing respect of their peers. Plough Lane was abandoned to the weeds in 1991 as Wimbledon hopped across town to share Selhurst Park. The club has little financial clout, few apparent friends. and has to sell to survive because of consistently low attendances. Yet survive it does, with careful husbandry and a cussedness honed in

"What Wimbledon have



Gould and Beasant are locked in jubilant embrace after Wimbledon's finest moment, the stunning 1988 FA Cup final victory over Liverpool. Photograph: Chris Smith

done is unique and probably always will be," Dave Bassett, the former manager, who is now with Crystal Palace, said. "I don't think anyone can come up through the divisions. like they did, and stay there for any length of time. Even Wimbledon would struggle to do it again. It's impossible.

The club is based on a sound structure all the way through, and each manager has carried it on. They don't buy Billy Bigtime players, not because they can't afford it but because they wouldn't fit in. They don't want them: they're

the first division, enduring many insults from his detractors and pranks from his players. On one occasion, on the train home from an away match, his shoes were hurled out of the window at Watford. his scheduled stop. Bassett, pinned under a table, was unable to join them and had to proceed on to London.

"You can't do now what we got away with in those days," he said. "Society would not allow it: there's no way you can do such silly things in the Premiership. What we had, though, was that element of surprise, a great bonding, a great spirit. People underestimated us and paid for it."

not their type."
Bassett led Wimbledon into Dave Beasant, the South ampton goalkeeper, played in Wimbledon's first fixture in the too flight a 3-1 defeat away

TEN YEARS IN THE TOP FLIGHT

of the game, a camera crew had captured the squad eating in a hotel restaurant amid fancy streamers, flashing lights and blaring music. It was all innocent, yet perpetu-ated the hell-raising Wimbledon image, "All we were doing

the hotel got ready for a party that night. Nothing was going on but people probably saw it on TV and thought: 'No wonder they lost the game.' I suppose it kind of summed Winbledon up."

Four games and four victories later, the party animals

time in their history. "It was a lovely feeling," Bassett said. We knew it wouldn't last, we weren't stupid, but it was nice while it did."

Wimbledon finished sixth that season and have subsequently claimed five other topten placings. If a table were drawn up of all the top-flight results since their arrival, they would be sixth and, under Bobby Gould, Bassett's successor, they won the FA Cup a year later, beating Liverpool 1-0 in the final. "It was very much them and us in the early days," Beasant said, "but we determined to show

"Many of us arew up together and we stuck together, a bit

was all for one and one for all. We were good enough, we were a premier club and we proved it. There was a time for working, a time for playing, and perhaps they sometimes

overlapped, but Dave [Bassett]

would always let us know

when.'

Wimbledon have striven hard to clean up their act. Sam Hammam, the Lebanese-born owner, and Joe Kinnear, the present manager, are still prone to outbursts verging on paranoia: Vinnie Jones, the tattooed warrior, still walks a

disciplinary tightrope. Yet the long ball has long gone, now only resorted to if a more thoughful approach proves unproductive "We're a bit more cultured now, not so good as it's ever been." Dean Holdsworth, the striker, said.

in on reco

Buying small and selling big — Dennis Wise, Keith Curle, John Scales, Terry Phelan and Warren Barton are their most notable exports - remains the club philosophy. Only this summer did Wimbledon venture past the seven-figure barrier, with the signing of Ben Thatcher, from Millwall, for £1.84 million.

Everyone that comes here is taking a step up and has a hunger to become a better player," Kinnear said. "There is not one of them who does not appreciate the hardships

Nurturing the youngsters is vital, too, Wimbledon have reached the semi-finals of the FA Youth Cup three times in the past five years. It is a struggle, though, as the gulf widens between the haves and

Kinnear made a talent-spotting trek to Russia and Scandinavia during the summer but

'It is something everyone can relate to, the little man taking on the big guy'

was rejected at every turn. He said: "When I queried the high prices, I was told: 'But you are from England. You pay £15 million for players. Don't insult us with your low offers." I'd love to see what an open chequebook looks like."

THE SEC

Lawrie Sanchez, scorer of the winning goal in the FA Cup Final, temporarily managed Sligo Rovers, in Ireland. He has since returned to Wimbledon as reserve team coach, wondering why he ever left the Gang. "It's only when you go away that you realise how much Wimbledon and revered," he said. "They have something everyone can relate to, the little man taking on and beating the big guy."

If it all went wrong, though, if they were relegated, would the self-assurance and defiance finally crumble? "If they didn't get back straight away. then they could find it tough, Bassett said. But they will always survive. Wimbledon will never die.'

Gascoigne doubtful for Moldavia match

By Our Sports Staff

THE chances of Paul Gascoigne playing in the first England match under Glenn Hoddle are fading fast. The Rangers midfield player, 29, has an Achilles injury and is yet to have any match practice

His return to action in the Bell's Scottish League pre-mier division now looks likely to be on August 24, when Rangers meet Dundee United at Ibrox - 48 hours after the new coach names his squad for the opening match of England's World Cup qualifying campaign, in Moldavia on September 1.

Gascoigne will not feature in the Rangers party for tomorrow night's Coca-Cola Cup second-round tie against Clydebank at Firhilf, and his prospects of being involved at Dunfermline this Saturday are rated as slim.

"The injury is an awkward one." Walter Smith, the Rangtaking him slowly through training so there is no recurrence. He's touch and go for Saturday, so it may be he could have a reserve outing and then be ready for the Dundee United match."

Meanwhile, Rangers should hear tomorrow from Uefa, the game's governing body in Europe. if their European Cup second leg tie with Alania Vladikavkaz is to be switched to Moscow. Uefa are looking into the possibility because of the war in Chechnya, close to Vladikavkaz, and have promised the Glasgow club a decision in the next 48 hours.

Scottish Television (STV) is to screen highlights of the match in Russia, which Rang-ers will start with a 3-1 aggregate lead. Live coverage of the first match at Ibrox last week attracted about 711,000 viewers, according to STV's early audience figures. Rangers have now dropped

their interest in Alessandro Orlando, the Italy defender, who is staying with Udinese. Southampton have been told by a transfer tribunal to pay £500,000 for Graham Potter, the Stoke City winger.

in a pay-as-you-play deal. Lee Glover, 26, the Port Vale striker formerly with Nottingham Forest, will be-come Rotherham United's record signing when he joins them for £150,000 tomorrow.

was having our evening meal," Beasant recalled, "as led the League, for the only like the Three Musketeers. It to Manchester City. On the eve Cantona given World Cup hope

By Peter Ball

ROY KEANE and Eric Cantona, of Manchester United, both had reason to contemplate relaunching their international careers yesterday after well-documented disciplinary problems. Having failed to join Ireland's team for a series of matches in the summer, Keane was included in Mick McCarthy's initial squad of 30 for the World Cup qualifying match in Liechtenstein on August 31.

Cantona, whose controversial omission from France's squad for the European championship finals appeared to spell the end of his international career, may also be able to look forward to a recall. Aimė Jacquet, the France manager, said yesterday that he had not shut the door on Cantona or David Ginola, of

Newcastle United. "I am not an idiot or mad," Jacquet told L'Equipe, the French sports paper. "I am there to create the best team possible. I know them and I know how to use them."

Jacquet has never lost a game — except on penalties — in his three years as manager of France, and he was reluctant to bring Cantona back thrived in his absence during

Crystal Palace supporter. France's lack of firepower and, be it said, the Gallic wit and invention for which Cantona is famous - in Euro 96, however, finally proved costly, and Cantona would seem the obvious solution.

The Manchester United captain may have to wait a little longer for his return, however. "Obviously there will be changes, but nothing too quick," Jacquet said. Keane, meanwhile, is back

in the Irish fold. "I spoke to him for an hour on Saturday, he accepted that he was wrong and he apologised, and that's good enough for me," McCar-



his ban for his assault on a thy said last night. "Now he just wants to get on and play football, for United and for Ireland." McCarthy announced an

enlarged squad yesterday because he wants to keep the young players who had emerged in the summer involved, while recalling the established players who missed the games in June, and so it offers little clue to his plans. The only unexpected name in the 30 yesterday was that of Jon Goodman, the



Wimbledon striker, whose eli-

gibility has not yet been finally

established.

more players to Leeds United before the start of the season went a stage further yesterday when Bill Fotherby, the Leeds managing director, confirmed that the club had made another bid for Trevor Sinclair, the Queens Park Rangers forward. Leeds had already had one approach turned down, but the statement by Ray Wilkins, the Rangers manager, at the beginning of the week that every player had his price apparent-

ly reopened the door. Leeds's bid is believed to be around £5 million. With Rangers valuing the player nearer to £8 million, whether the clubs can agree a price for Sinclair is open to doubt. "I couldn't and wouldn't pay £8 million for the player," Wil-

One transfer did get closer to completion yesterday, Robbie Elliott finishing his medical at Blackburn Rovers to become the club's first signing since Alan Shearer went in the other direction, to Newcastle United. In this Instance, however, the clubs have failed to agree a fee for Elliott, even though it will be considerably smaller than the £15 million Newcastle paid for the England striker, Instead, the transfer will be decided by

Warnings over threat of strike by players

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

STUART DAWE, a director of Exeter City, has warned that a strike by players in the three divisions of the Nationwide League could signal the demise of some clubs. With the Football League and the Pro-fessional Footballers' Association (PFA) still appearing to be poles apart in their dispute over the League's level of payment to the PFA from its television revenue. Dawe voiced considerable concerns about the possible walk-out.

"It's all very well talking about the PFA getting more money to redistribute, but what about if the poorer clubs are forced to the wall?" he said. John Dennis, the chairman of Barnsley, said: "If we folded, there would be no club to pay the players' wages. It is very sad. I am surprised and disappointed the two parties

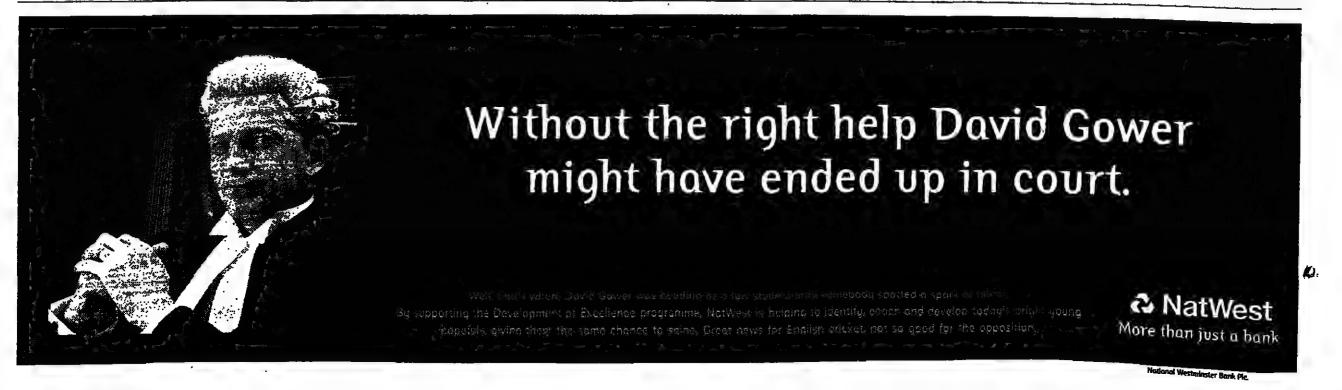
have reached this stage." The PFA's management committee has voted in favour of balloting its members, but the League responded by threatening legal action to prevent any such move. Andy Williamson, the League's assistant secretary, said: "You can only strike if it affects the terms of employment of

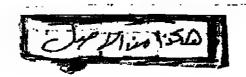
individuals and, clearly, this dispute does not."

Brighton and Hove Albion's future could lie in the hands of the Football Association. The FA is to try to broker a peace agreement between the thir division club and its local authorities. Civic leaders from Hove and Brighton councils will travel to Lancaster Gate today, to discuss their ideas to help to save the ailing club. Representatives of the club have been invited to give their version of events at a later



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ATHLETICS

Kipketer in bid to cash in on Coe's record

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

ON A NIGHT of athletics likely to be as entertaining as any session of the Atlanta Olympic Games, with the exception of Michael Johnson's world record show, Jonathan Edwards finds his event singled out for special treatment this evening. It is not good news for the triple jump.

The Weltklasse Grand Prix. as Edwards acknowledged yesterday, is "head and shoulders above everything else after the major championships of the year". However, the compliment has not been repaid. The organisers evidently regard the triple jump as the least interesting event on their programme. Only in the triple jump is the bonus for a world record \$25,000 (about £16,000). In other events, it is \$50,000 - and there may be

one or two takers. Because it is the wealthiest grand prix by far, with its Sw Fr 5.8 million (about £3 million) budget, it can put on a succession of events that make the meeting at Crystal Palace last Sunday look like a school sports day. It has a crowd to match, too. While the first meeting in Britain after the Olympics astracted only 6,000 spectators, the Weltklasse is, as always, sold out. There will be 23,000 spectators packed into the compact, if archaic, Letzigrund Stadium, making a noise that could be mistaken for Atlanta at its loudest.

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Every year, thousands of applications for tickets are turned away. Only 200 of Tthose in the 12,000 seats have been able to buy tickets. The others have gone either to sponsors or to club members who pay an annual subscription of Sw Fr 180 (about £100). Johnson and Noureddine Morceli may be missing because they have not recovered from injuries sustained in Atlanta, but the Weltklasse

can get on fine without them. The men's 100 metres is a reunion of all the Olympic finalists except for Frankie Fredericks, the silver medalwinner, who appears in the 200 metres. It means that Linford Christie has a chance

LEAMINGTON SPA: Women's world out-door championships; Singles: Fifth round; Group one: J Lindores (Scot) bt M Burns (Ken) 25-24; D Panla: (Cook islands

to show what might have been had he not been disqualified. The 5,000 metres has commanded the largest portion of the budget, Sw Fr 250,000, in the belief that the combined talents of Paul Tergat, Daniel Komen and Haile Gebrselassie will race each other to a world record. Better that way, Patrick Magyar, the meeting director, said, than the tire-

some sight of a pacemaker. Gebrselassie obliterated the world record here last year, improving it by 10.91sec, the biggest advance for 63 years. The smiling Ethiopian agreed yesterday that his 12min 44.39sec mark may not see its first anniversary on Friday. Asked what he thought his limit was, Gebrselassie said:

"Maybe 12:30, who knows?" When Johnson erased Pietro Mennea's 200 metres world record in June, it left Sebastian Coe's 800 metres mark as the oldest in a championship event. For the first time since the Coe era, feelings are strong that the Briton's 1:41.73 may

now be washed away. Although Magyar was guarded yesterday on another rainy Zurich afternoon - "We are not announcing any world record attempts, look at the weather," he said — the intent is clearly there. The Atlanta Olympic final was the highestquality 800 metres ever run, with four men inside 1:43, and here the entire field reconvenes, together with a pacemaker, a token Swiss and Wilson Kipketer, the world champion, who was prevented

from competing in Atlanta.

A greater incentive for Kipketer, who ran 1:42.59 in Monte Carlo on Saturday, than the \$50,000 bonus, is the chance to prove that, had Denmark been as flexible as Sweden were in granting the former Russian sprint hurdler Ludmila Engquist citizenship, he could have become an Olympic champion, as she did. Instead, the Kenvan-born athlete, resident in Denmark for six years, was training at altitude in Switzerland while Vebiörn Rodal, from Norway, won the Olympic title.



Wendy Line, of England, sends down a wood during her 25-13 victory over Reina Banares, of the United States, in the women's world singles champion-ship at Learnington Spa yesterday. Line's win, her fifth in six matches, lent even greater significance to her later encounter with the unbeaten Joyce Lindores, of Scotland (Gordon Allan writes). Line, the Commonwealth Games gold medal-winner in 1986, is a dogged competitor who knows the Learnington greens better than most.

but she was unable to end the Scot's successful run, going down 25-19. In her earlier match, Lindores had strug-gled against Babs Anderson, of Botswana, before scoring a maximum four shots on the 31st end to win 25-21. Lindores now leads her section by one point from Judy Howat, of New Zealand, with Margaret Johnston, of Ireland, the holder, joint third. In the other section, the defeat of Jo Peacock, of South Africa, by Liz James, of Swaziland, has propelled Rita Jones, of

Wales, to the top. In the fours, South Africa maintained their 100 per cent record, beating Malaysia 50-3, an experience treated by the Malaysians with their customary jollity. Israel are two points behind, with Scotland, the defending champions, third. Scotland, comprising Julie Forrest, Betty Forsyth, Margaret Letham and Sarah Gourlay, trailed Ireland 13-6 but finished strongly to win 24-22. New Zealand and Australia are joint leaders in the other section. Photograph: Julian Herbert

RUGBY LEAGUE: OFFIAH LEFT OUT AFTER DOUBTS OVER COMMITMENT TO TOUR

Britain squad focuses on future

By Christopher Invine

THE 1990 touring side to New Zealand was young, successful and put the roots of the Great Britain team down for the next five years. Long-term planning is again behind the 32-strong party selected to tour Papua Guinea, Flji and New Zealand next month, which was one reason for leaving out Martin Offiah. Another was Offiah's atti-

tude to the ten-match tour, which would have cut into his new rugby union commit-ments at Bedford. Phil Larder, the Great Britain coach, said: "I've spoken several times to Martin recently and, although he undoubtedly has the ability, at this moment he hasn't got the enthusiasm for a sixweek tour."

Offiah, 29, whose eight-year international league career poears to be at an end, bas said that impressing the England and British Isles rugby union selectors for South Africa next summer is a priority. The other irony is that Maurice Lindsay, the Rugby Foot-ball League chief executive, had insisted that there would have been no double deal with Bedford, in Offiah's recent move from Wigan to London Broncos, if he had not been allowed to tour with Britain. Larder praised Offiah's out-

standing international contribution and added that the door would not necessarily be shut on him. "I feel it is important that those selected are not only capable but committed and enthusiastic,

and, therefore, we've gone for the likes of Joey Hayes, at St Helens, on the wing," he said.

One London player to im-

press this season is included. Most of Tulsen Tollett's career

was spent in Australia, where

he grew up, but he was born near Hastings, "and is as English as I am", Larder said

He and lestyn Harris, the

unsettled Warrington player,

are the choice at stand-off half.

Goulding and Tony Smith are

the scrum halves, although

Shaun Edwards, Bobbie

Goulding, one of three survivors, with Denis Betts and Lee squad is 24 and a quarter are

not necessarily in that order.

newcomers. The most surprising inclusion is Keith Senior. Sheffield's leading try-scorer.
The presence of three teenagers, Keiron Cunningham, Paul Sculthorpe and Adrian Morley, was widely expected. At 21, Andrew Farrell, the captain, is two years younger than Harold Wagstaff when he led Great Britain on the

back-up of Betts, as vicecaptain, and advice from Edards, his predecessor

Jackson, from the 1990 tour, had an assault charge made against him in New Zealand, but Larder has been assured there will be no police officers awaiting his arrival. The average age of the

1914 tour to Australasia, and Brian Noble, who took charge in 1984. Farrell will have the

A 13-man shadow squad was also announced yester-day, covering the possibility of injuries with four weeks of the domestic season to run.

EQUESTRIANISM

Hoeg-Mudd leaves champions trailing

By JENNY MACARTHUR

CLEA HOEG-MUDD, a former Range Rover young rider scholar, had the satisfaction of leaving three Olympic champions in her wake when she won the open intermediate section of the Everdon Horse Trials in Northamptonshire

Riding Norton's No Relation - an II-year-old she describes as "not a superstar but a real trier" -- she had only four time faults over the cross-country course to relegate Leslie Law, on Shear H2O, to second place by one point.

In a rewarding day for Hoeg-Mudd, she also finished third on Jane March's eightyear-old Feast of Florios. The three Olympic champions — Mark Todd, on Vambi Charbonière, Matt Ryan, on Samilys Helena, and Blyth Tait, on Derby, filled the next three places.

Hoeg-Mudd, who competes in her first four-star event at Burghley next month, said she was relieved that she had not looked at the programme so had "no idea" who she was up against.

Law, who had to withdraw from Great Britain's Olympic squad when his horse sustained an injury, was delighted with Shear H2O, a six-yearold owned by Shearwater Insurance who now goes to Po, in Italy, for his first threeday event.

The cross-country course rode well throughout the day, one of the fastest rounds coming from Penelope Rich-mond-Watson, a local rider, on her novice mare My Goodness My Guinness. They had one time fault but a mistake in the showjumping kept them in fourth place. Land Rover has increased

its commitment to horse trials to "around £750,000" with the annoucement yesterday that it is to sponsor the British Horse Trials Championships at Gatcombe Park on August 30 to September 1. The company, which already supports the world rider rankings and the British young riders, has been associated with Gatcombe since 1983, but this is the first time it has been the title sponsor. Bruce Davidson. a member of the United States ning team, heads the entry.

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By RAYMOND KEENS

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Karl Mah, top board for the English team in the junior Olym-piad in Suto More, Montenegro, has won his first three games, including the one in the 2-2 draw

against Russia. For this win, Mah once again resorted to his favourite

Dragon Variation of the Sicilian Defence.

Black: Mah (England) Children's Olympiad, August 1996

White: Jakovanko (Rustia)

Hat-trick

Boardman can keep Britain on

track CHRIS BOARDMAN leads Great Britain's challenge for world track cycling champ-ionship medals at the Manchester Velodrome on August 28. The individual pursuit has been dominated by Britain for the past three years, with Graeme Obree (1993) Boardman (1994) and

women named yesterday by the British Cycling Federation for the world championship programme. Ship programme.
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Obree again winning gold last year. Obree was also among the 14 men and

First cap

Rugby union: Martyn Williams, the Pontypridd flanker, is the only newcomer in the Wales XV named yesterday to play the Barbarians at Cardiff on August 24, the first match in a hectic international schedule. Williams replaces Gwyn Jones, who needs an operation on his shoulder. The Barbarians team will be announced today.

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By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Keeping the danger hand off lead is a consideration in many contracts. This example is from the British team's practice match

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eight. What should be his thoughts about the spades? He needs five tricks in the suit. The danger is that, in setting them up, East may get in and push through a high heart. Hence, provided spades are 3-2, it is best to play off the ace and king - declarer does not mind losing a spade trick to

Declarer won the club with the

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with doubleton queen. But, when the queen of spades appears on the first round of the suit, the winning play is to duck - that estab lishes the spades, and West is on play. Playing spades from the top would let East in on the fourth round; he would then

West, and playing off the ace

and king gains if East started

lead the jack of hearts through declarer's king, enabling the defence to take four heart

Finally, notice West's lead. Many players would do the same, taking the view that, as hearts were held on their right, it was best to try to get their partner in. But, in my experience, it is usually best to lead your long suit. Here, a heart lead sets up four tricks in the suit, and beats the contract, since declarer cannot make nine tricks without losing the lead in spades.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Philip Howard

ORTANIQUE a. A lascivious dancer b. A Provençal dialect c. A small orange

RELACHE a. A relay of horses b. A rest

c. A secondary growth

ROUILLE

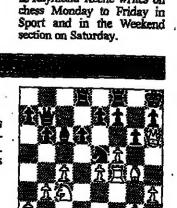
a. A highly scented shrub b. The first machine-gun c. Mayonnaise with bite

POKAL a. A Polish American b. A lidded tankard c. The Indonesian nose-flute

Auswers on page 42

White to play. This position is from the game Bogolyubov --Kruger, Bad Pyrmont 1931. How did White conclude his

Solution on page 42



Raymond Keene writes on

By Raymond Keene kingside attack in fine style?

Shearer raises question of value for money

felt like Alice, a not uncommon occurrence. "Why, his time is worth a thousand pounds a minute." Why, the smoke alone is worth a thousand pounds a puff." I shall dream about a thousand pounds tonight, I know I shall," Alice

Except, in my case, the sum I am dreaming about is £15 million. One footballer went from one club to another club for a sum of, yes,

£15 million and at once the sum of money clogged up the nation's thoughts and dreams. It is impossible to mention Alan Shearer, or Newcastle United, or football, or sport, or just about anything

else from Mother Teresa to the Tube strike without mentioning £15

'On Sunday

morning, he

was a coup'

On Sunday morning, Shearer was a coup, a snip, a man worth every penny of, er, £15 million. By Sunday teatime, he was a waste of money, a rash investment, a tactical disaster, a man absurdly overvalued at, well. £15 million. I was at the Charity Shield to write about "the EI5 million man". I did so and, far from rising above the prevailing mania, I mentioned the sum three times in 900

times by implication.

Why is it that such a sum is able to dominate the national consciousness? Well, it is rather a lot of money, to be sure, and it would certainly help me out with the mortgage, but, on the other hand, it's not that much. The top three stories on the front page of The Times business section yesterday contained the following figures, all in pounds: 3.2 billion, 700 million and 68.1 million. Why is it

15 million quid commands the national attention, rather than these dizzying sums? Money in sport is always an attention-

grabber, provoking, at the same time, admiration, envy and disgust. This is true even in the United States, where the relationship between money and sport is more straightforward. Americans reacted with more disquiet than delight to the news that Shaquille O'Neal, a tall man who plays basketball, has moved to a new team for the sum of \$120 million. The sad news for Shearer is that O'Neal gets to keep all of this - or, at least, to share it with the tax-person.

This is not a transfer fee but his

SIMON BARNES



Midweek View

salary over the next seven years. Business is about business, so money is a natural area of concern; sport is about something else, about an escape from the sordid, from the common run of people and events. Business is our daily bread: sport is our escape. Business is waking: sport is our dreamtime.

Athletes fly through the air. escaping the ties of earth; they rise to glory and bring us an unending series of utterly ephemeral joys. Everything

GOLF: SWEDISH FAMILY BUSINESS HAS EYE ON REAPING RICH DIVIDEND AT BRITISH OPEN

Sorenstam sisters swing into action

about sport is an escape from the clogging earth of real life, from responsibility. From reality.

Yet, again and again, sport turns, with appalled and rather dilettantish fascination, to money. In Formula One, the eternal game of musical cars hots up again — which driver moves to which team for how much? Any advance on Michael Schumacher's salary of £20 million a season? Golf, with engaging directness,

does not have batting averages, rankings or table of goalscorers: it has a money-list. Open 'By teatime, the tennis handbook he was a rash and the first thing that strikes you is the figure, offered for every investment' player on the tour, of

career earnings. Jeremy Bates got more than \$1 million in his time, a sum that should stop a few Jeremy jokes in their tracks.

Do you fine it offensive, or absurd, that Batesy made a million? If so, how do you react to the news, again gleaned from yesterday's business pages, that a chap called Richard Goeltz, a fellow who has given me rather less pleasure and certainly fewer laughs than Bates, has left his job at NatWest, where he earned £362,000 last year, for a new post at

bly higher" reward?

But, no. the vast sums earned by middle-aged men in suits wash over us, while the money paid to and for young people in shorts or tennis skins or flame-proof shoes sticks in the mind as something absurd. something almost contradictory.

Similarly, we do not yearn for financial details about Pavarotti in the rain, or about Oasis in the deserts of Hertfordshire - but

the amount of money to be earned by the new manager of Arsenal is a pressing concern.
All this shows, once again, is the odd place that sport plays in nat-

ional - and, for that matter. international - life. Sport is nothing but children's games played by grown-ups and delight in sport brings out the child in ourselves.

We cannot accommodate money and childhood in the same thought and so we worry away at the paradox as if it were a wobbly tooth. In our hearts, we still believe that "professional sport" is an oxymoron. In our hearts, we believe that all sports should be amateur - amateur mean-ing, by derivation, nothing less than

HADIO CHOICE

But the corn was ripe

A Corny Concerto. Radio 3, 10.45pm.

Early on in this tribute to Carl Stalling, who wrote the music for more than 1.200 Warner Brothers cartoons, someone brackets him with Stravinsky and Prokofiev. I almost snorted in disbelief. Then, they started to play snippets from some of his scores, and I felt ashamed. I still think, however, that whoever it is in the programme who says that Stalling was one of the major 20th century composers of any genre, went over the top. He was certainly a great innovator. He created the drunken trombone, the glissando for someone falling, the sylophone for someone blinking. He borrowed brilliantly from Mozart and Wagner. His score for The Rabbit of Seville was Rossini In Excelsis.

Whippets and Marsupials. Radio 4, 9,45am.

Whippets and Marsupials. Ratio 4, 9,35 am.

This is the final instalment of audio-letter exchanges between Andy from County Durham and Simon from Adelaide who, with their families, did a home swap. The list of pros and cons which the two men draw up at the end of the experiment may not be of much value to sociologists who are interested in community affairs. But, like everything else in these four programmes, they uncover some home truths about ourselves, the existence of which we had either not suspected or preferred not to acknowledge. I was wondering when this series would get round to explaining what the title means. Happily, we get the answer this morning. Happily, we get the answer this morning.

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FM Stereo 6.30am Chris Evans 9.00 Newn Greening 11.30 Radio 1 Road-show, five from Torre Abbey Meadows in Torquay 12.30pm Lisa l'Arison 00 Dave Pearce 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Festival Lounge, with Johnny Vaughan broadcasting from the Edinburgh Festival 10.00 Mark Raddiffe 12.00 Clairs Sturgess 4.00 Ctive Warren

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jammy Young 1.30pm Judi Spiers 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Durm 7.00 Halph McFall with Folk on 2 8.00 Upstream with Beliamy (6/6) 8.30 Folk in the Footights (3/5) 9.00 Frank-Hamnessy's Wales (4/6) 9.30 Mgal Ogden 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Sue McGarry 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl 5.45 Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 8.35 The Magazine, with Programme 8.35 The Magezine, with brana Medill, incl 10.35 News from Europe 12.00 Midday with Mar, incl 12.35pm Moneycheck 2.05 Ruscoe on Rive, Incl 3.05 Ruscoe Returns 4.00 Nationwide, incl at 5.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Edma, Incl at 7.20 Sports Bulletin 7.35 Grand Prix Athletica Coversion at the best of the action from Sports Bulletin 7.36 Grand Prix Admitios Coverage of the best of the action from longist's meeting in Zurich 10.05 News Talk, with Jeremy Vine 10.35 Radio 5 Live at the Fringe, with Jarker Forsyth 11.00 Night Extra 12.05em After Hours 1.00-5.00 Up All Night — The Race for the Writte House

TALK RADIO

8.30em Paul Ross 10.00 Scott Chts-holm 1.00pm Anna Raebum 3.00 Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Spots Zone 10.00 James Whale

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour 5.30am Europe Today 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 The World Today 7.20 Megamix 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 Pop Science 9.15 Concert Hall 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Andy Kershaw's World of Music 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Off the Shelf 12.30pm Thirty-Minute Drama 1.30 Composer of the Morth 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Megamix 4.05 Sports Roundup 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News in German 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Britain Today 6.10 World Today 6.25 Science view 6.30 News in German 7.30 Pop Today 6.10 World Today 6.25 Science View 6.30 News in German 7.30 Pop Science 9.01 Outlook 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Multitrack: X Press 10.86 World Business 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Meridian (On Screen) 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.10stm Science View 12.15 Country Style 12.30 Multitrack: X Press 1.30 From Our Own Corresponders 1.45 Britain Today 2.30 Outlook 2.55 Words of Faith Newsday 9.30 Meridian 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 Europe Today 4.30 Europe Today

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CLASSIC FM

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VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ n' Joro 9.00 Richard C Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7.00 Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Benks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Randal Lee Rose

6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore.
Includes Debussy (Faritasy);
Boccherini (Symphony No 17
in A. G511); Grieg (Jesus
Christ is risen, Four Psalms,
Op 74); Bach (Trio Sonata in
C minor, BWV 526); Amold
(Four Scottish Dances);
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Op 121 9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini, include

BWV 1060; Five Little Preludas, BWV 924-928); Pergolesi (Stabat Mater) Musical Encounters. Includes Gershwin, arr Ma (3 Preludes); Vaughan Williams (3 Vocalises); Viotti (Harp Concerto) 10.15 Proms Artist of the Week; Judith Howarth. Britten (3 Folk Song Arrangements) 10.30 Brahms Arrangements) 10.30 Brahms (Symphony No 2 in D) 11.15 Byrd (Ave verum corpus);

(Fantaisie-Impromotu in C sharp minor, Op 66)
12.00 Composer of the Week:
Beethoven
1.00 Manchester Summer

Recitals. Introduced by Rodney Stattord, Steven Osborne, piano, Schumann (Papillons, Op 2); Liszt (Hymne de l'entant a son reveil; Funerailles; Benediction de Dieu dans la

diction de Dieu dans la solitude, Harmonies poetliques et raligieuses (5/10)
Michreek Cholce. Presented by Sandy Burnett Includes Reubke (Soneta on the 94th Psalm, excerpt); Lekeu (Vlolin Sonata in G); Holmboe

4.00 Choral Evensong, live from Carterbury Cathedral.
5.00 The Music Machine, with Sarah Walker
5.15 In Tune, with Linda Ormiston.
Includes Prokofley (Dance, Romeo and Juliet); Glück (Che faro serce Euridice, Orige of Eurifice); Marganou.

Oriec ed Euridice); Morripou (Cancons i danses No 5) 6.00 Edinburgh International Festival. Vellinger Ouartet. Haydn (String Quartet in C, Op 54 No 2); String Quartet is Eflat, Op 71 No 3 7.00 in Tune Part 2. Linda

Ormiston is joined by the Welsh baritone Bryn Terfel 7.30 BBC Proms 1996. Live from the Albert Hall in London. Nicholas Daniel, oboe, BBC Symphony Orchestra, under Matthias Bamert (Vaughan Williams (Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tailis); John Woolrich (Oboe Concerto); Bach, orch Stokowski (Passacagli Fugue in C minor 8.25 Interval. A discussion on Woolrich's oboe concerto 8.45 Proms Part 2. Brahms,

orch Schoenberg (Piano Quartet No 1 in G minor) 9.45 Cultural Baggage: The Anorak (3/4) (r) 10.00 Voices. Roderick Williams, baritone, David Wickham, piano Industry by plano. Includes works by

Schubert, Mozart and Reger 10.45 A Corny Concerto: The Music of Carl Stalling, See Choice (r)

11.30 Composer of the Week:
Stravinsky (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes, with Richard

Niles 1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast

6.00 Skx O'Clock News 6.30 Brain of Britain 1996

7.00 News 7.06 The Archers

7.20 The Deep Season:
Troubled Waters. The last of the series about the world's

oceans. What is the importance of the world's navies now that the Cold War is over? (3/3)

a.00 Tales from the Wildside, the oceans. What is the

first of a new four-part series, three hunters discuss their love of wildlife and the thrill of

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Brieting incl Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today incl 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 The Changing Forest (3/5) 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 in the

9.00 News 9.05 In the Psychiatrist's Chair. Professor Anthony Clare Talks to Uri Geller (r)

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9.45 Whippets and Marsuplals.
See Choice

10.00 News; The Street (FM).
Eastwood Drive, High Woods,
Colchester, Essex (3/6)

10.00 Daily Service (LW)

10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour

11.30 Gardeners' Question Time,
with Enc Robson (r)

12.00 News; You and Yours, with
Lesley Riddoch

12.25pm No Commitments. A
corredy-drama series about
the lives of three sisters,
written by Simon Breft (4/6)

12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick
Clarke

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Shipping Forest Tales, by
Colin Haydh Evans, In the
mysterious Forest of Lussac,
five travellers fleeing plague
and war tell tales to dispet the
right shadows (2/3)
2.45 From Their Own
Correspondent (2/6) (r)
3.00 News, 4.05 Kaleidosope,
Paul Gambaccini listens to a

Paul Gambaccini listens to a complete cycle of Rachmaninov songs on record

4.45 Short Story: Tom Edison's Staggy Dog By Kurt
Vonnegut

stalking to kill

8.30 The Deep Season: 0-20,000
Leagues Under the Sea.
Mike Golding maps out
nature's influence on the everchanging coastline (3/4)

9.00 Costing the Earth, with Mark
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10.45 Book at Bedtime:
Washington Square, by Henry James. Read by Tom Wikinson (3/10)
11.00 Educated Evans, by Edgar Wallace. A comedy narrated by Freddie Jones and starring Roy Hudd (4/4)
11.30 Twenty Panyers. Hugo De Vnes (5/6) (r)
11.45 The Shuttleworths. The final episode of the cornedy show

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12.00 News incl 12.27am Weather 12.30 The Late Book: The Secret History. William Hope reads Donna Tarti's thriller (13/15)

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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Patricia Davies looks at the two-pronged challenge to the elite of the women's game

Tom and Gunilla Sorenstam are no great shakes as golfers, but they are people with more than their fair share of influence on the world's fairways all the same. They are the parents of Annika and Charlotta, a pair of Swedish siblings destined to be as exalted in their sport as England's Chariton brothers were in theirs, and who are competing in the Weetabix Women's British Open at Woburn this week.

Annika. at 25 the elder by two years, pussesses a golfing curriculum vitae that is already without parallel. in that she has several "firsts" to her name. One of the most notable was that, in 1995, she became the first player, man or woman, to win both the United States and European money-lists in the same season. She is also the first European to

defend the US Women's Open Championship successfully, with the result that her 1996 season thus far has been only marginally less remarkable than her annus mirabilis last year, when she won three tournaments on the US tour, two in Europe and one in Australia.

It is the kind of act that is hard enough for Azmika to follow alarmingly, for her peers, she is now concentrating on becoming a better player, hitting more fairways, more greens in regulation and fewer putts - but what about Charlotta?

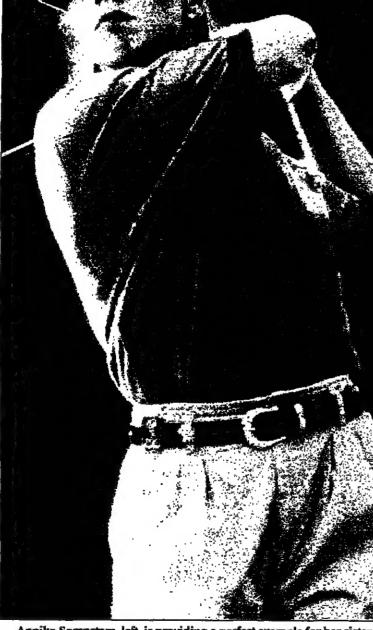
The younger Sorenstam has yet to win as a professional, but she gave notice that her talent will not go unfulfilled when she tied for second place in the McDonald's WPGA Championship at Gleneagles last week. She loved being in contention and is no less ambitious than her sister. "I want to be No I in the world," she said, in a matter-of-fact manner. "I know I have the capacity, It's just a question of when and how I do it.

You have to believe in yourself, otherwise you don't go anywhere. I keep hearing people telling me I'm good and I feel it a bit myself. I proved last week that I can beat some of the best players in the world."

Annika won her first tournament, the Australian Open, at the end of 1994 and the floodgates opened in 1995, just after she announced her engagement. She is phenomenally consistent and is as mentally adept as anyone, plotting her way carefully round difficult courses - "Annika has one of the sharpest minds in golf." Pia Nilsson, Swedish golf's

head of coaching, said. However, Charlotta is the more immediately impressive golfer to look at because she is, and always has been, a formidable striker of the ball. "I hit the ball a little further than normal," Charlotta smiled, adding, "I







Annika Sorenstam, left, is providing a perfect example for her sister, Charlotta, to follow as she establishes herself among the professionals

used to practise with Per-Ulrik Johansson and he hit it two irons further than I did and I'm two irons shorter than Laura Davies." Which means the young Swede is no slouch in the slogging stakes.

Like her sister. Charlotta won the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) individual college championship when she was at university in Texas, but, unlike Annika — who was at the University of Arizona and now lives in California with David Esch. her fiancé she came home after 912 months,

tired of being away and none too enamoured of a tyrannical coach.

She also had the misfortune of suffering a dyslexic disqualification in her first college tournament, having signed for a wrong score. "I discovered I was dyslexic my first day at school, when I had to read out loud and they all started laughing," Charlotta said. "Both my parents have it, but it gets better with age. I still have to check my scorecard a lot

However, she is going to venture to the United States again and will be

trying to qualify for the tour there later this year, accompanied by Robert Claesson, her fiance and caddie. If she is successful, there will be lots of sister questions, much though both Sorenstams obviously dislike them.

Comparisons are invidious, unfair and inevitable - and they will be made. Nilsson, who has worked with both women for many years (they also share the same coach, Henri Reis), recognises the fact and guards against slipping into bad habits herself. They are two unique human

beings playing golf and something I try very hard to do is to listen to each one and look at them as individuals and not make comparisons.

"Although they have the same background and upbringing, they play and work in very different ways, but they are both successful, have high ambitions and so much talent and are so much fun to work with. They work at such a high level, they inspire me to try and reach another level as a coach." In European terms, it is a simple case of one Sorenstam good, two Sorenstams better.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Tetley's Challenge Series 11 0. first day of three

LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Pakistani SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): South Shields CC: Durham v Middleset; Wieldard: Essex v Yorkshie; Folkestone: Kent v Glouzestarshire, Liverpoot Lancashine v Derbyshire; Oakham School: Lascastershire v Sussex, Worleop College: Nottinghamshire v Hampshire; Solihull CC: Warwickshire v Sumy

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPTONSHIP (#

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Bedfordshire v Cumbris (Downing College,
Cambridge); Yorkshire v Northamptonshire
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College)

FOOTBALL Scottish Coca-Cole Cus Clyde v Celtic (8.0) Clydebank v Rangers Hearls v Stenhousemur Stransver v Duntermins

PRE-SEASON MATCH: Boston United Notingham Forest XI
FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE
CUP: Section E: Shamtock v Shabourne (7 43)
WILLIANSON SWORD LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Distillery v RUC/Bangor, Moyola PlyStentoran v Dungannon Switz.

OTHER SPORT BOWLS: Women's world championships (at Learnington Sp

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 40 ORTANIQUE

(c) A citrus fruit resembling a slightly flattened orange, produced by crossing an orange and a tangerine and cultivated in the West Indies. A portmanteau word made up from Or(ange) + tan(gerine) + (an)ique. "I've got to risk turning fifty acres of certain sugar into avocadoes, ortaniques and Bombay

(b) A period of rest and relaxation, an interval. A break from something. From the French word reldche. "Caldwell's is one of the few public dancing rooms in London, which is frequented by respectable women. When we arrived, the relache was begun."

(c) Mayonnaise flavoured with pimento, garlic or the like. From the French word for rust. "No decent fisherman will eat bouillabaisse without the rouille."

(b) A large German glass tankard, often with a lid. A German adaptation of the Latin poculum a drinking-cup. C. G. Leland, Hans Breitmann's Party, 1868: "How stately rode der Breitmann oop! — how lordly he kit down?! How glorious from de great pokal he drink de bier so prown!"

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or anybody susceptible to metaphor, last night's Pic-ture This: A Moving Image (BBC2) was - well, perhaps a bombardment, a smorgasbord, a landslide, a cocktail, or simply a multiple choice. This was a film about grief, essentially: Jeremy Howe's wife Elizabeth was horribly murdered by a madman four years ago at an Open University summer school at York (I still remember the story, and the shock of it), and in A Moving Image he tried to express his personal feelings on film - feelings of isolation, disbelief, terror. Being a literary chap himself (his wife taught English; he produced radio drama), he had umpteen images at his command, and had evidently decided the hell with it, pour them in and stir them up. The imagery of grief, he implied, is not fixed anyway; it changes and it moves.

talked movingly about his memo- Mark Rylance) in which, for once, ries, and in particular his weeping. But the strongest stuff in the film was its rather daring Expressionism, which is something you don't often see. Actors dressed in scarves and costs - impersonating Howe and his small daughters - were pictured silently surveying a wrecked car in a frozen field, or picking through roots of a blasted tree. A psychologist told Howe that there was no avoiding the horror of the thing; no amount of comforting could ever change it. "You have suffered," he said. "There is a hole in your life." Holes now, on top of car crashes and stricken oaks? The imagery, offered from all sides, seemed endless.

But is imagery helpful? In the end. Howe explained that the shock of loss is perceptual; it makes you see the world utterly differently. "as if you were on Planet Grief*. He made me remember a long-ago Hamlet (with

everything made sense. Reeling and winded from the hurt of his father's death, this Hamlet acted peculiar because he was, yes, living on a different emotional planet, where he knew that the flimsiest membrane stood between life and death. Anger is traditionally assumed to be a phase of grief, but amazingly Howe never mentioned it; loss still consumed him. For the film last night he visited the site of his wife's murder — a pitifully nondescript student bedroom and wept, surprised, afresh.

xcept for Truly, Madly, Deeply and Ghost, there are few dramas about grief, which is odd when you consider it is the strongest emotional experience in life. A Moving Image was a brave and well-made film, and it often made you feel sorry, but by focusing on his own stark feelings of loss, and by trying to "picture



this" as the series title demands, I wondered whether Howe sometimes missed his mark a little.

By contrast, however, whenever he evoked the living, loved Elizabeth who had gone - by showing her pictures on a noticeboard, or the spines of her well-thumbed Penguin classics in a bookcase his pain was communicated directly. When he first heard the news of her death, he said he rushed home

room, where they had been together that morning — she in the bath, he shaving, the radio telling them something about David Mellor. It's true that the tritest thing about bereavement is also the most profound, the most difficult to accept or believe: you can't bring them back. Which is why Ghost, Hamlet and Truly, Madly, Deeply all work, of course because the impossible happens, and the dead person returns.

Brilliantly, Howe reserved his best image to the end. Throughout the film he had shown a photograph of Lizzie, her head turned away from the camera, as if caught unawares. He showed it again at the end, but with an unexpected difference, literally a twist. As if in miraculous answer to his overpowering need to bring her back. the image moved. The head slowly swivelled, the face turned to face the viewer, the picture came alive,

resemble a photograph. As a device, this surprise animation was restrained but wonderful. It was a "moving image" indeed.

ince virtually anything would provide a brighter note here, I have no compunction about turning to War Cries (Channel 4) as a sort-of light relief, even if the subject was kneecapping in Northern Ireland. Acmally, the presentation of this short documentary, called Baseball in Irish History, was strangely chatty: Robert Wilson, another linerary bod (a novelist), had clearly decided to enjoy his limelight, show off the designer shades, and heckle Gerry Adams. Deep waters, mate, deep waters. But he began with a characteristically light-hearted conundrum: there is only one baseball team in Northern Ireland, yet the equipment is

they doing with all the bats?"
Wilson needed more gravitas. that was certain. But, as I said, he was a literary chap and ironies entertained him, he couldn't help it. Self-styled action groups conduct kangaroo courts and dole out physical "punishments" — and Wilson must care a lot about this. or he wouldn't have made the film. But when Direct Action Against

Thuggery sets out to beat people up? Well, that's quite funny, in a gruesome way. As a piece of proactive telly, he sent an actor to buy a baseball bat, but it was a bit pointless. In the end, his insight echoed Jeremy Howe's: some people live on Planet Violence, that's all. Touchingly, his friend Glenn Patterson had a Frisbee on his mantelpiece, and I found I wanted to reach in and grab it. Alongside all the bats, bars and hammers, such a normal toy was wonderfully reassuring.

BBC1 6.00am Business Breakfast (90004) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (21375) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceetax

Bearing a startling resemblance

to the artist Stanley Spencer, Howe

Courmet Ireland (5964356) 10.20 FILM: Carry On, Follow That Camel

(1967) A disgraced English aristocrat joins the Foreign Legion. Directed by Gerald Thomas (Ceefax) (10539172) 12.00 News and weather (1656172)

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5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceetzx) (s) (787240) 6.00 Six O'clock News (Cestax) and weather

6.30 Regional News magazines (849) 7.00 Small Talk(4153)

7.30 Mastermind. From Drapers' Hall in the City of London. The specialist subjects are artiflery up to 1945; the life and career of Vivian Leigh; the presidency of Harn Truman; and the government of Charles I.

(Ceafax) (s) (733) B.00 Only Fools and Horses: Danger UXD. Del-Boy gets involved in a shady business deal(1) (449135)

8.50 Points of View (151337) 9,00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceelex) regional news and weather (3646)

9.30 The Thin Blue Line The commanding officer is looking toward to celebrating his ten-year relationship with his sergeant (1) (39207)

inside Story: The Eurocope 1996. Inside Story was given exclusive access while eight regional police forces, the British Transport Police and the National Criminal Intelligence Service worked to keep the peace during Euro 96 (Caelax) (s) (173443)

10.50 BBC Proms 1996. James Naughtie introduces a programme of Bach and Handel, which unites the choirs of Winchester Cathedral, New College, Oxford, and the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment under conductor Ren Jacobs, Bach's Air on a G-string has survived its career salling cigars to remain a favourite tune and the Suite in D, from which it comes, and Bach's Magnificat are complemented by Handel's opera Julius Caesar (3900988)

12.15em Kisses. Lauren Becall presents an affectionate history of the screen kiss (4771356)

1.00 The Road to the White House 1996: The Republican Party Convention.
Live coverage of the proceedings in the first of this year's American election conventions (7976221)

4.00 Weather (64506134)

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6.00am Open University: Group Theory (3775714) 6.25 A Question of Balance (3794849) 6.50 Holidays by the Sea (2662207) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast

7.30 Mr Benn (3913135) 7.45 Lassle (1835191) 8.10 Smurfs' Adventures (5446714) 8.35 Get Your Own Back (r) (5446714) 8.35 Gat (s) (9181397) 9.05 Spiderman (r) (s) (2900938) 9.25 Smart (7536917) 9.50 Puppydog Tales (3127882) 10.00 Playdays (s) (7154482)

10.25 Man in a Suitcase (r) (Ceetax) (2836882) 11.15 The Fugitive (r) (Ceetax) (2095627) 12.05pm The Addams Family (r) (Ceetax) (6884172) 12.30 Great Crimes and Trials of the 20th Century (17085) 1.00 Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams (45973917) Maureen's Music-a-Grams (45973917) 1.15 A-Z of Food (24995714) 1.25 Menus and Music (45952424)

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4.00 Cartoon (5576288) 4.05 The Family Ness (5575559) 4.10 Run the Risk (f (2080191) 4.30 Certoon Critters (r) (646) 5.00 Newsround (5639545) 5.10 Byker Grove (r) 5.35 The Phil Silvers Show (b/w) (r) (785882) 6.00 Film: War of the Worlds (1953)

Martians lay waste to Los Angeles in this film based on the story by H.G. Wells. Directed by Byron Haskin (13443) 7.30 Edinburgh Nights. Highlights from the Edinburgh Fastival (s) (375)



Teacher Anthony Taylor (8.00pm)

School: Time To Choose.

As local parents deliberate over which high school to send their children to, Francis Combe must tout for business to survive in the tace of failing pupil numbers. The test in the series 8.30 Wild Harvest with Nick Naim (Ceetax)

(s) (8838) 9.00 Lonesome Dove: On the Trail. (2/4) Jake becomes increasingly jealous of Gus's relationship with Lorena (r)

(Ceefax) (s) (2917) 10.30 Newsnight (Ceefex) (868269) 11.15 Don't Count the Candles. Lord Snowdon's 30-year-old,

Emmy award-winning documentary (Ceetax) (942820) Followed by Weather 12.05am Grace Under Fire (5020931) 12.30 The Learning Zone: Open University: New Forms of Partnership (59134) 1.00 Autism (90554) 1.30 The Getting of Judgment (30680) 2,00 Summer Nights: Music Maestro Collections 3 (40221) 4,00 Languages: España Viva, Mexico Vivo, Diez Temas, Spanish

CHOICE

Short Stories: Strongman Channel 4, 8.30pm

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Tweive years ago Matthew Stockford broke his back in a skiing accident and has since been confined to a wheelchair. It has not stopped him winning three gold medals at the Paralympics or pursuing a successful career. But he wants to walk again and he seeks help from a man with a similar story. Valentin Dikul is a strongman in the Moscow State Circus whose speciality is shouldering a pyramid of five people and two large weights. But as a teenager he fell 40ft from a trapeze and was paralysed. Defying the gloomy predictions of his Defying the gloomy predictions of doctors, he devised a set of exercises himself and eventually recovered. Now he passes on the treatment to others at a passes on the treatment to others at a rehabilitation centre near Moscow. It will need another film, in perhaps five years time, to see whether the Dikul system works for Stockford. He has the determination.

School: Time to Choose BBC2, 8.00pm

Richard Denton's series about the Francis Combe Comprehensive near Watiord has not been rich in headline-making incidents but it has offered a shrewd insight into an education system increasingly governed by the marketplace. This certainly applies to the final film, which looks at a strategy essential to the school of systems. to the school's survival, of recruiting enough new entrants to maintain numbers. Since new entrants to maintain numbers. Since school budgets depend on pupil rolls, with each child worth £1,300, fewer children means a smaller income. With other schools in the area boasting better academic results, competition is fierce. Francis Combe has to sell itself as a school which cares for its schools are for its schools. charges. Luckily there are parents who

Inside Story: Eurocops 96 BBC1, 10.00pm

BBCI, 10.00pm

To be cynical, this would have been a more memorable documentary had the police not done their homework so well and largely prevented the widely ambiguated crowld trouble at the European football championship. Even potentially explosive matches, such as England against Scotland at Wembley, went off virtually without incident, though a few fans got drunk and made a nuisance of themselves afterwards. made a nuisance of themselves anerwards. Ironically, while the police were brilliantly prepared for hooliganism inside grounds, they could not anticipate the outbreaks of they could not anticipate the outbreaks of violence in city centres throughout the country after England's defeat by Germany. Nor, clearly, could the television cameras, for little of it is shown in this film. But the programme has its moments, notably when inspector Barry Norman, a forthright copper of the old school, warns a would-be troublemaker: "I'm going to be all over you like a horrible rash."

Don't Count the Candles

BBC2, 11.15pm Introducing his documentary about old age made in 1968, Lord Snowdon apologises for it looking old-fashioned and snobbish. He has no need to be so defensive. Television techniques may have become slicker in the past 30 years but content still counts and Don't Count the Candles is as perceptive a treatment of the subject as anything produced since. As for snobbery, Snowdon produced since. As for snobbery, snowdon may feature such luminaries as Cecil Beaton and Noël Coward but ordinary old people have their say as well. If anything, they provide the more poignant footage. The theme of the film is that nobody likes getting and but it is expectation that has to be faced. old but it is something that has to be faced. Sadly not everybody can cope. Snowdon enriches his images with aptly chosen popular music.

Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (4009172) 9.25 Halfway across the Galaxy and Turn

Left (7523443) 9.50 Hope and Gloria (5959424) 10.20 FTN News (Teletext) (5275882) 10.25 Regional News (5274153)

10.30 FILM: Pair of Aces (1990). A Texas ranger investigating a series of gristy murders finds help from an unexpected quarter. Directed by Aaron Lipstadt (40615424) 12.20pm Regional News

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (8650375) 12.55 Shortland Street (6635066) 1.25 Coronation Street (83246882) 2.00

Home and Away (87396530) 2.25 FILM: A Town Torn Apart (1992). A New York teacher moves to a country town to escape city life, Directed by Daniel Patrie (1812658)

3.20 ITN News (1742820) 3.30 Alphabet Castle (9815707) 3.40
Wizadore (3958172) 3.50
Chatterhappy Ponies (3954356) 4.00
Bugs Bunny (2088733) 4.20 Tiny Toon
Adventures (2084153) 4.45 Are You

Afraid of the Dark? (1299627) 5.10 Wheel of Fortune (5696191) 5.40 ITN News and weather (236191) 6.00 Home and Awey. Angel discovers somebody has been depositing money in her bank account (r). (Teletext) (s)

(783085) 6.25 Regional News (Teletext) and weather (277901)

7.00 Sportsweek (9849)
7.30 Coronation Street, Judy lays down the law to Sarri. (Teletext) (801)



Berbera Flynn, John Thew (8.00pm)

8.00 Inspector Morse: The Silent World of Nicholas Quinn. Morse and Lewis uncover a web of secrecy and corruption among the colleges of Oxford (Teletand) (s) (7337)

10.00 ITN News at Ten (Teletext) and weather 10,30 Regional News (931171)

10.40 International Athletics. Presented by Jim Rosenthal from Zurich. Commentary from Alan Parry, Peter Matthews and Steve Ovett (393062) 11.40 Filet: Puppet on a Chein (1970). A

member of Interpol's Nercotics Bureau ventures to Amsterdam to tlush out a gang of haroin smugglers. Directed by Geoffrey Reeve (568153) 1.35em God's Gift (8460047) 2.35 cyber.cate (1216202)

3.05 Dear Nick (8945370) 4.00 Bushell on the Box (91883) 4.30 The Time . . . the Place (41383) 5.00 Hot Gossip (83776) 5.30 ITN Morning News (78757)

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1.00 Sesame Street (r) (71068) 2.00 Fool's Plays (87394172) 2.25 Fil.M: Turned Out Nice Again (1941 b/w). George Formby plays a textile buyer with a revolutionary new yarm for the manufacture of knickers. Directed by Marcel Varnel (Teletext) (259356)

4.00 Backdate (Taletext) (s) (530) 4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (714) 5.00 Ricki Lake (Teletexi) (s) (8762191) 5,45 Snapshots (r) (517578)

6.00 Party of Five (Teletext) (s) (746356) **6.50 Terrytoons** (268375) 7.00 Chennel 4 News (Teletaxi) (403559) 7.55 The Slot (319004)

8.00 Brookside. Mick goes ballistic when he discovers what Leo has been hiding. (Teletext) (a) (6511)



Strongman Valentin Dikul (8.30pm)

Short Stories: Strong Matthew Stockford, a international skler, is confined to wheelchair after an accident (Teletext) (s)

9.00 Ellen. Adam has to tell Ellen one thing: his real feelings for her(Teletext) (8)

9.30 Dressing for Breakfast. (5/6) Fed up with being single, Louise finds from best friend Carle that boyirlend Dave has an available mate. So it is a cosy dinner for tour - until Louise's mother Liz comes by. (Teletext) (s) (22917)

10.00 American Gothic: Potato Boy. Lucas gets upset when Selena starts offering help to Caleb (Teletext) (s) (7714) 11.00 The Naked Truth. To squash rumours

circulating since her divorce, Nora throws a party (Teletext) (s) (1801) 11.30 Cheers (r). (Teletext) (s) (91398)

12.00 The Bar Girl, the Catholic, the Pimp and the Priest (r) (Teletext) (s) (68370) 12.30sm Century of Cinema: Cinema on the Road. An exploration and celebration of Korean cinema by Jang Sun-Woo. (Teletext) (a) (4024689)

1.35 FILM:To the Starry Island. (1993) Powerful drams from one of Korea's leading directors, Park Kwang-Su (s) (970554). Ends at 3.25am

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7.00em Undun (67191) 8.00 Press Your Luck (4961153) 9.20 Luve Connection (178482) 9.45 The Open Wintrey Show (2183424) 19.40 Jeopardyl (4780612) 11.10 Sally Jessy Raphase (523375) 12.00 Jesido (41066) 1.00em Code 3 (77578) 1.30 Designing Women (54530) 2.00 Miracles and Other Wonders (21801) 3.00 Court TV (5288) 3.30 The Oprah Wintrey Show (5702578) 4.15 Lindum (1934801) 5.00 Quantum Leap (9240) 6.00 Severly Hate 90210 (70578) 7.90 Spelhourd (7269) 7.30 Mr4*S*H (3795) 8.00 Speace. Above and Bayond (97269) 9.00 The Outer Limits (85745) 10.00 Quantum Leap (8520) 11.00 Fightander (54627) 12.00 Late Show with David Letterman (2908365) 12.45am The Josephine Baker Story (6318592) 1.30 The Adventures of Mark and Brian (67844) 2.00 Hit Mit Long Play (8609060)

SKY NEWS

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7.00em Guiding Light (5352199) 7.55 As the World Turns (9242207) 8.50 Payton Place (5233820) 9.20 Days of Our Lives (5473938) 18.10-11.00 Another World SKY TRAVEL 11,00em Boomerang (5293627) 11,36 Dave the World (5294356) 12,00 Californa's Gold (2472268) 12,30pm Pierre Francy's Cook-ing in France (4178581) 1,00 Geteway

SATELLITE AND CABLE

Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman (Sky Movies, 10.00pm)

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STAN THE SEAS

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14 1996

Yorkshire suffer a second time as Roses rivals reach NatWest Trophy final

Lancashire confirm their mastery

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

OLD TRAFFORD (Lanca-shire won toss): Lancashire beat Yorkshire by 19 runs

MICHAEL BEVAN did everything in his power to carry Yorkshire into the NatWest Trophy final before departing for Brisbane last night. He took wickets with his wrist spin and he literally hit the cover off the ball in making 85 at the heart of their valiant pursuit of 294. It was not

Bevan flew home grim-faced, bound for the Australia training camp, as Lancashire, supreme at this form of the ime, celebrated a cup semifinal double over their heigh-bours. Even a whirlwing a off 33 balls by Darren Gobaccid not seriously threaten Lincashire's progress to a final

against Essex on September 7. Only those in and around the Yorkshire dressing-room will know the anguish of this defeat. They are a team on the brink of a breakthrough, yet every time they attempt the final step it is Lancashire, of all clubs, who bring them down. This defeat yesterday did not have quite the drama of the one-wicket, last-ball affair in the Benson and

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BOWLING: Gough 12-3-47-3; Siver-wood 6-0-23-0; White 10-0-38-0; Hardley 10-0-86-1; Sterno 12-1-55-2; Bevan 10-1-47-2

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Total (9 wids, 60 overs)

P J Martin did not bat.

Hedges Cup, but it will have hurt just as much.

Victory gives Lancashire the chance to emulate their unique achievement of winning both Lord's finals in 1990. It was a result gained by their familiar qualities — batting with depth, bowling with discipline and doing everything with the conviction of experience, which is precisely what

Yorkshire lack. There was a desperation to Yorkshire's cricket, graphic evidence of the anxiety of the new generation to set somerangible against the ssly recited achievements of their elders. It manifested itself in four missed catches, rough-edged out-cricket and, occasionally, un-

intelligent bowling. There was plenty of anxiety in the near-capacity crowd. too. To many who were here, losing a Roses semi-final equates to the sense of grief experienced at the other Old

Trafford if United lose to City. Peter Marron, the groundsman who consistently produces some of the best pitches in the country, had to wait until early dankness had lifted to unveil a surface that had something for the seamers

BOWLING Martin 12:2-53-3; Austin 12-1-47-3; Yates 12-0-55-1; Chappis 12-0-59-0; Walkinson 12-1-56-1.

M G Bevan c Chapple b Austin A McGrath b Austin

Total (8 wids, 60 overs)

early on and enough bounce turn to encourage the employment of two spinners by each side. It was, as the scores suggest, the perfect one-

Not that one would have known it from the initial 20 overs, as Lancashire subsided to 52 for three and Michael Atherton played an innings of nightmares. Dropped twice at slip by Byas, when one and two, Atherton faced 60 balls for his 18 before edging a cut against Stemp. Perhaps it was a case of post-Test fatigue. Whatever, once Fairbrother had compounded the problem by slogging his second ball to deep mid-wicket, Lancashire were in a mess.

Stemp was turning the ball appreciably and would now have benefited from bowling round the wicket to the two right-handers, but he persisted with the more negative line. from which Graham Lloyd reverse-swept him with precision, violence and frequency. As soon as he did go round the wicket, Lloyd sliced a drive to deep cover, where McGrath dropped the chance.

It was to prove an expensive miss, perhaps a decisive one, for with John Crawley elegantly settled at the other end, the innings was fully revived before lunch. Lloyd, whose father David, the England coach, was watching on tele-vision at home, needed only 90 balls for his savage 81, and although he and Crawley were out in rapid succession, their partnership of 145 from 27

overs turned the game. The momentum was maintained by Watkinson, with 35 from 28 balls, and Hegg, who persistently stepped away to the off side. He had employed a similar style to still greater effect during his match-winning innings in the earlier semi-final summit and, by now, Yorkshire were learing a repeat. Gough's three wickets in the last over saved them

only from a target of 300. Neither Moxon nor Vaughan accelerated out of second gear as the reply began jerkily. Bevan arrived in the fourteenth over and soon necessitated an unusual ballchange when the casing came away from the core. His stand with Byas, however, was restitching the innings until the captain tamely pulled Watkinson to mid-wicket. McGrath added 80 with Bevan, but when three wickets fell from nine balls, even Gough's abullience brought no more



Butcher, of Surrey, fails to make his ground and is run out for 27 by Law at the Oval. Photograph: Clive Mason/Allsport

Law leaves Essex with final salute

ionship, NatWest Trophy and

Sunday league. They stand at the head of both leagues, had

won 15 of their previous 18 county matches and had not

lost at the Oval since May 29.

But, in humid conditions in

By SIMON WILDE

THE OVAL (Essex won toss): Essex beat Surrey by four

STUART LAW gave Essex the farewell present they were desperately hoping for before flying to Australia last night by playing the decisive innings in their NatWest Trophy semi-final. Law was unable to add to his tally of 11 centuries this season but a blistering 53 from 44 balls set them on their way to a challenging target of 276 and a first 60-overs final for 11 years.

Law took a heavy toll of some loose Surrey bowling

J E Benjamin, B P Julian, M P Bicknet and R M Pearson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-81, 2-151, 3-163, 4-193, 5-214.

BOWLING: Not 11-2-59-1; Williams 12-0-43-1; Irani 8-2-33-0; Law 9-1-37-0; Such 12-0-50-0; Grayson 8-0-47-2

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A J Hollicake c Law b Gr C C Lewis not out Extres (ib 6, w 13, nb 6)

Total (5 wide, 60 overs) .

G A Gooch b Lewis

17 overs with Gooch, who secured for himself an eighth cup final appearance with Essex by playing a vital an-chor. He spent 38 overs scoring 50, but by then only 101 runs were needed from the last 22 overs and, although the loss of two further wickets appeared to throw the game open, sensible batting from Irani and Rollins saw Essex

home with 20 balls to spare. Together they scored the final 65 in 13 overs, Irani, who hit the winning runs, finishing unbeaten on 52 from 61 balls. The result killed mounting

optimism at the Oval that Surrey might end 14 years without a trophy by performduring a parmership of 96 in ing a unique treble of champ-

R C Irani not out 52
D D J Robinson c Stewart b Julian ...1
†R J Rollins not out 26
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 23, nb 15)47

M C llott, N F Williams and P M Such

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-32, 3-128, 4-175, 5-207, 6-213.

BOWLING: Bicknell 12-1-33-1; Lewis 12-0-71-2; Julian 7-0-41-2; Benjamin 12-1-52-1; Hollioake 6.4-0-32-0, Pearson 7-0-30-0.

Man of the match: A J Stewart

Umpires: 8 J Meyer and R Palmer.

Total (6 wids, 56.4 overs)

which the ball swung all day. they forfeited their right to a final place by bowling poorly. The Essex innings was littered with wides and no-balls -Lewis being the most culpable - and not all of these could be put down to extravagant Surrey conceded

an astonishing 47 extras. Few of these could be laid at the door of Stewart, their captain and wicketkeeper, despite the fact that he spent the entire day on the field. Scotching suggestions that he might be tired after completing a Test match in which he scored

a sublime 170, he batted throughout Surrey's total of 275 for five for an unbeaten 125 and gave only one chance. As Gooch attempted to do. he set himself to bat throughledge that if he did so his side

out the innings in the knowwould be in with a shout. But Essex's seamers bowled commendably, although they did have the significant advantage of winning the toss and bowling when the ball did most.
The match was probably

won in the first hour, in which Surrey avoided losing a wicket but scored only 43 in 17 overs. By the time Butcher was run out, failing to respond to Stewart's reasonable call for a second run, the total was 81 and nearly half the innings had elapsed.

Surrey did not then appear to help their own cause. By promoting Shahid, Thorpe let alone Surrey's array of big hitters - did not get to the crease until after the 44th over. Thorpe failed, skewing an attempted drive to Robinson on the extra cover boundary. and so did Brown and

Hollicake. Brown, looking to hit Grayson over the top, danced down the wicket and was stumped by two yards and Hollioake fell to a low, running catch by Law in the deep that he - on Stewart's suggestion - waited

for the umpires to confirm. Essex boldly persevered with Grayson at the death, but he took the brunt of some fierce hitting from Lewis, who entered with six overs left and struck 45 from 29 balls with three sixes and two fours. This was the only period of the innings that Surrey were on the rampage but it gave their total a much-needed fillip.

Essex lost an early wicket, Grayson being leg-before to Bicknell which only sent Gooch further into his shell. After ten overs, he had spent

By then Hussain had also fallen, unluckily lashing a wide ball into the hands on gully, but Lewis should have spent less time in absurdly grandiose celebrations and more dwelling on the quality of the ball. It was pitched short and wide. Plenty more were to follow and Essex's later batsmen made no such mistakes.

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Wenger extends Arsenal options

VI - OVAL SCOREBOARD

By Ros Hughes FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

WAITING for Arsenal to name their new manager is like waiting outside the Vatican for the white smoke to rise. The secret is being better kept by far than the long-rumoured departure of Bruce Rioch, but whispers persist that Arsenal will go continental and that either Johan Cruyff or the Frenchman, Arsene Wenger, is the "identified successor"

Yesterday, even Tony Adams, who has lifted more silverware than any Arsenal captain, claimed still to be in the dark. You are all guessing," he insisted. "I am guessing ... but, knowing the way Arsenal do things, I am sure they have a man lined up."

If the home options are ruled out, then Arsenal will go where they almost went 20 years ago when the late Denis Hill-Wood, father of the present chairman, Peter, parlayed with Miljan Miljanic, the Montenegrin coach then at Real Madrid. For one reason or another, Miljanic improved his contract in Madrid and Arsenal stayed faithful to the English habit of hiring from

Things have changed since then. Jozef Venglos, albeit for one traumatic season, broke the ground for foreign coaches at Aston Villa, Osvaldo Ardiles, half-English by football education, has managed Swindon Town, Newcastle United, Tottenham Hotspur and West Bromwich Albion. and Ruud Gullit is about to colour Chelsea with his visions of the game.

if the contest is down to Cruyff or Wenger, there are intriguing machinations. Cruyff, dismissed by Barcelona in May, is available, though Feyenoord, not enamoured by their present coach, Arie Haan, are reputedly trying to repatriate the Dutch-man. If Cruyff is ready to reengage the traumas of management, his millionaire lifestyle would stretch Arsenal's purse and his demands of an autonomous hold on all playing matters -indeed, his determination to



run the whole club — would certainly stretch the designs of the Arsenal vice-chairman, David Dein, on rule from the

boardroom. Perhaps Dein, no longer the largest shareholder, would have sufficient respect for Cruyff's winning ways to tolerate that. Perhaps not - in which case, Wenger could be more amenable, if less immed-

iately available. Wenger is coaching Nagoya Grampus Eight in the J-League and recently told Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, that he was contracted to the Japanese until Decem-ber. Hoddle, having served under Wenger at AS Monaco, would do everything he could to hold the position of technical director at the Football Association open until Wenger could take it.

The admiration for Wenger's honesty, intelligent grasp of the game, humanity and, as an economics graduate, football finances is shared by George Weah, the world footballer of the year. Weah followed Hoddle under Wenger's tutelage and two such recommendations might be irresistible. Certainly, Wenger has declared his intention to return from Japan to the mainstream of European

Allegedly, Cruyff supped with Dein while in London last weekend to watch his son,

United debut in the Charity Shield defeat of Newcastle United at Wembley. The choice would be between a Frenchman whose charm comes easily and a Dutchman whose high intensity makes demands on everyone around him, so much so that enemies

are often the price of glory. Yet Arsenal give no cooperation to the speculation that they are looking outside this country. One of their former sons, Graham Rix, is assistant to Gullit at Chelsea and, according to Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, is management material. Terry Venables, despite beginning a new role at Portsmouth at almost the same hour that Arsenal dismissed Rioch, should never be ruled out of anything ambitious.

But are we overlooking somebody? I could not help noticing the fuss made of Johan Cruyff in the Royal Box at Wembley by Joe Kinnear. It is heresy to suggest another former Tottenham man crossing north London - I can imagine Sam Hammam, the Wimbledon chairman, blowing his top — and yet Kinnear is ambitious, he knows how to buy and sell, how to motivate ... and, perhaps most important of all, how to pass on much of the credit for teambuilding and winning match-

es to those unstairs.

